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Lecture 2

Balanced Search Trees (II)

- Red-black trees

- B & B+ trees

- Take-home messages

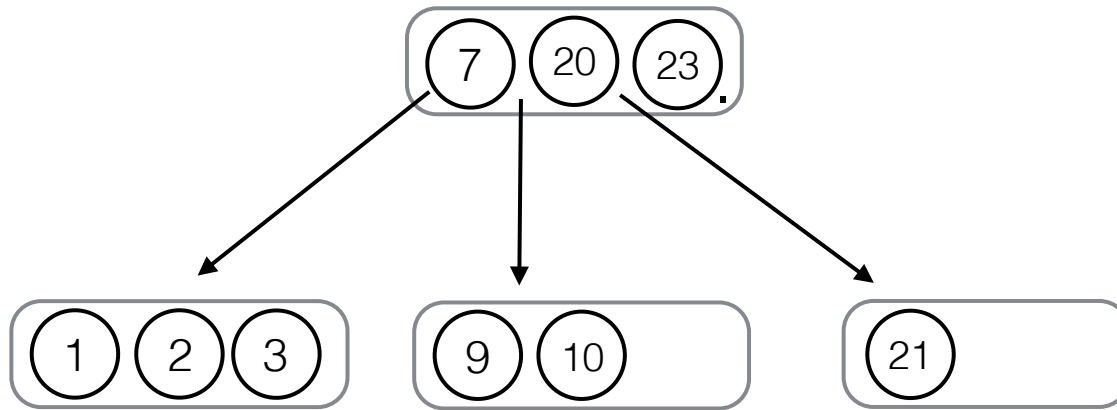# Balanced Search Trees (II)

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Generalizing Balanced BSTs

- AVL trees and Splay trees are good for searching due to the balancing condition. But if we want fewer rotation operations when inserting and deleting:

  - Sacrifice a little searching cost
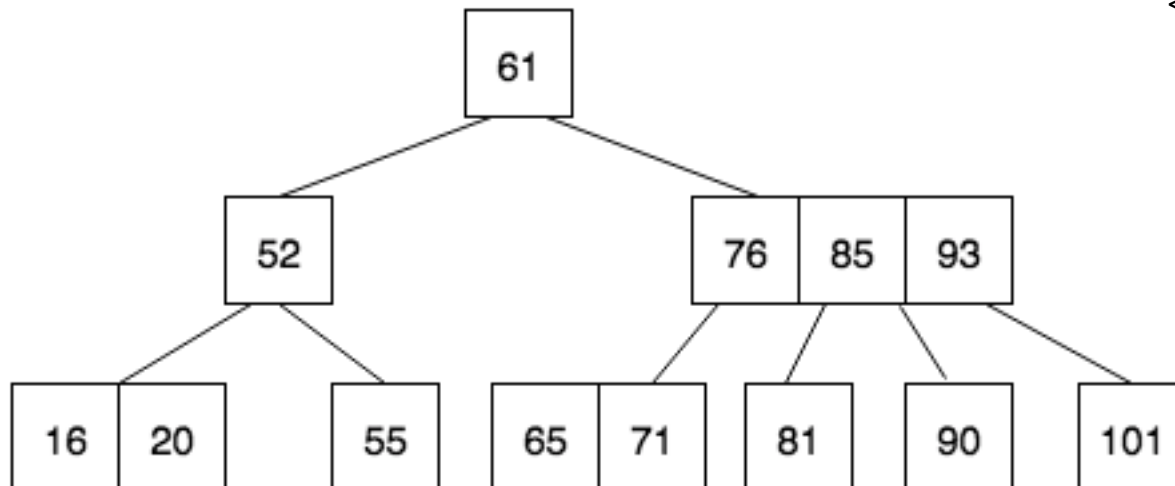
  - Relax balancing condition

$$\log_M N$$

M-ary Search Trees

7   20   23

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1   2   3   9   10   21

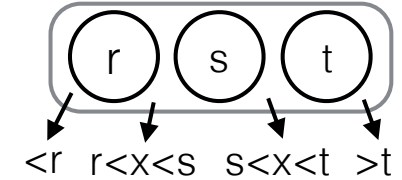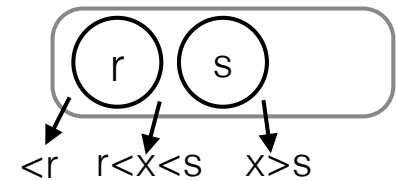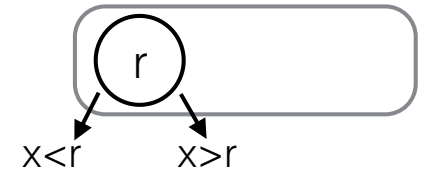   1   2   3   9   10   21
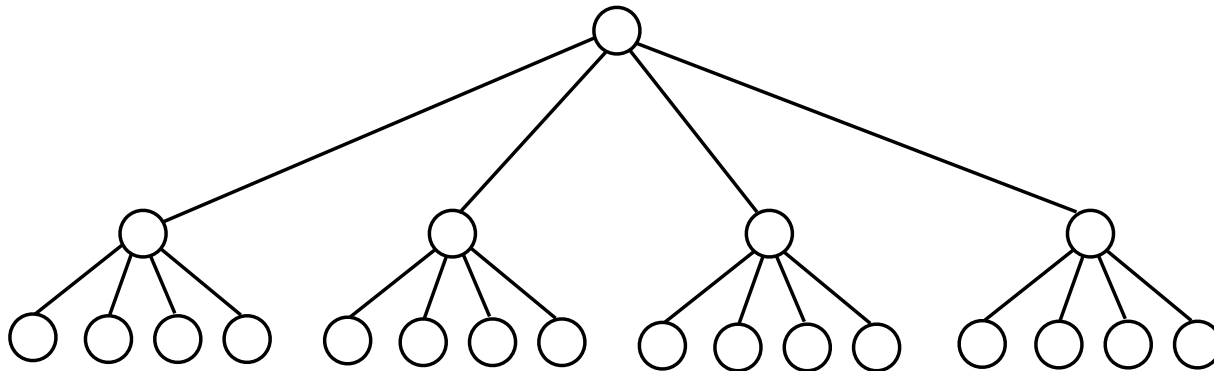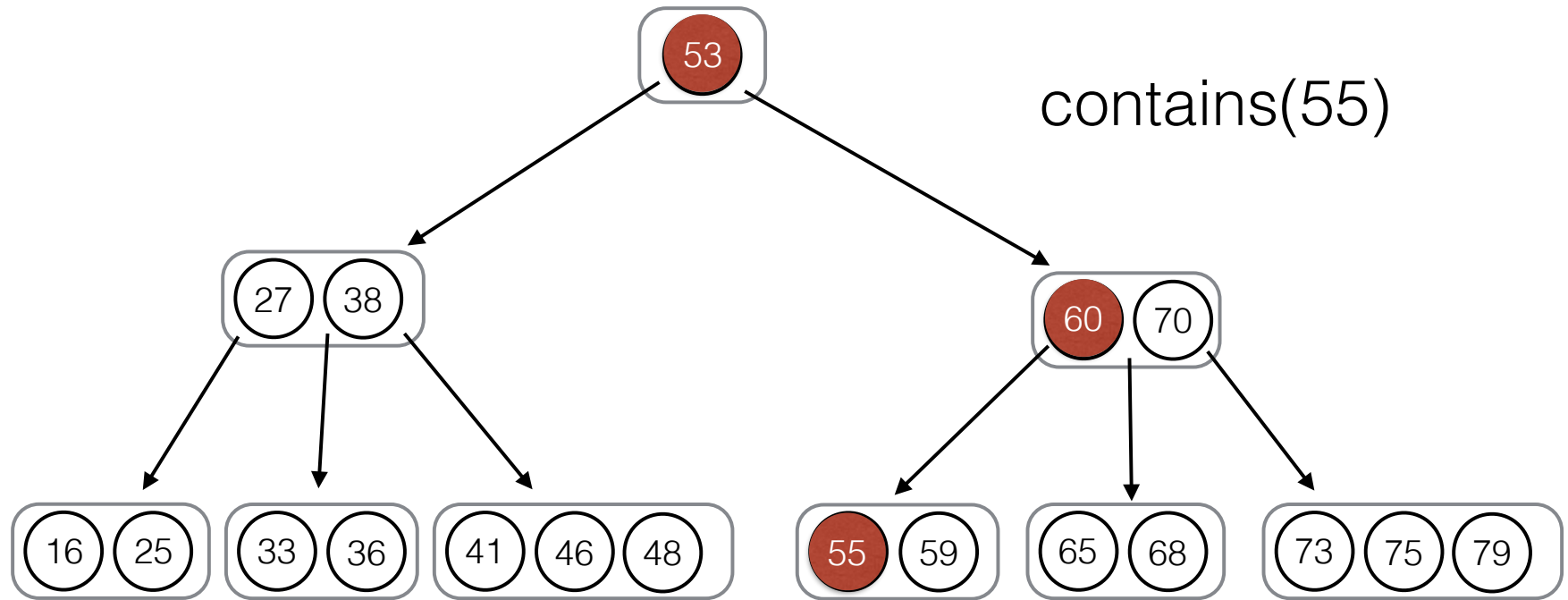
4-ary search tree:
Nodes have 1,2, or 3 data items and 0 to 4 children.

2-3-4 Trees (B-Tree Version)

- A 2-3-4 tree is a balanced 4-Ary search tree.

- Three types of internal nodes:

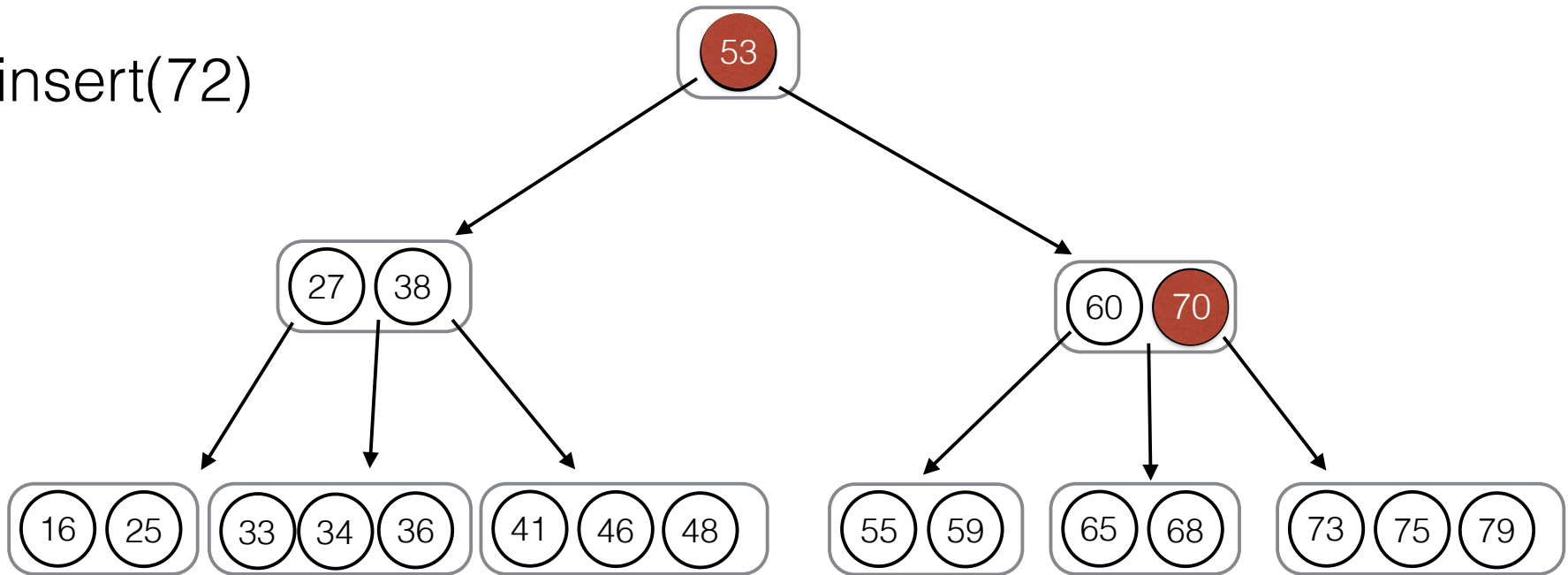- Balance condition:

  - All leaves have the same depth.

Searching

contains(55)

Linear search in each node. O(3d) time cost.
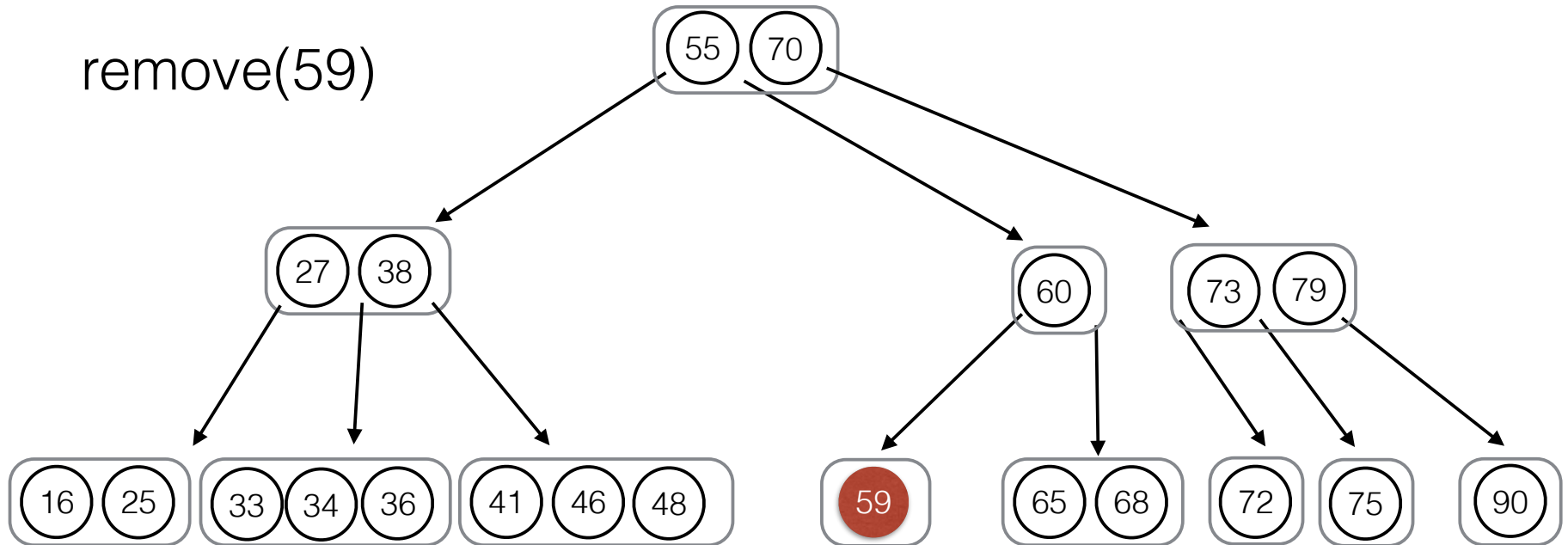
Insertion

insert(72)

The insertion happens on the leaves.
When the leaf is full, splitting needs to be done.

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Deletion

remove(59)

Deletions can make the nodes not satisfy the minimum number of keys (e.g. 2).
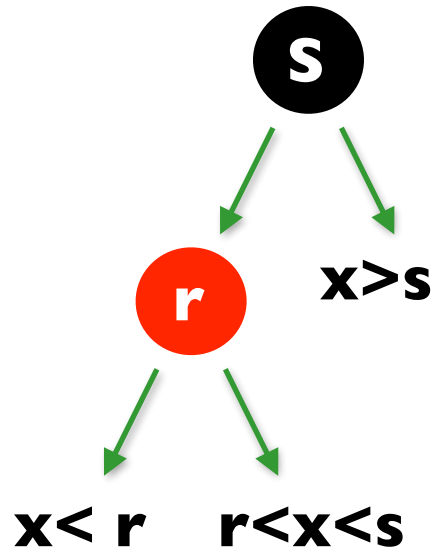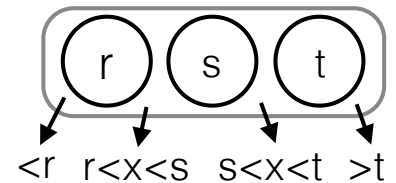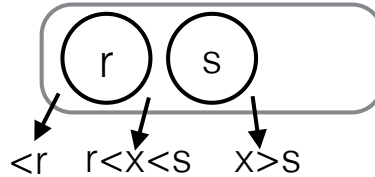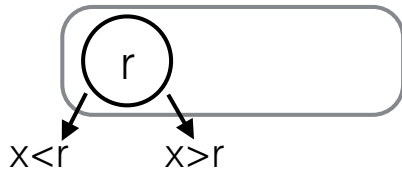Needs further manipulation (combine)
Can we make insertion and deletion easy with binary search tree?

Red-Black Trees

- Reduce 2-3-4 trees to BSTs:

  - The key is to transform 3- and 4- nodes into 2-nodes:
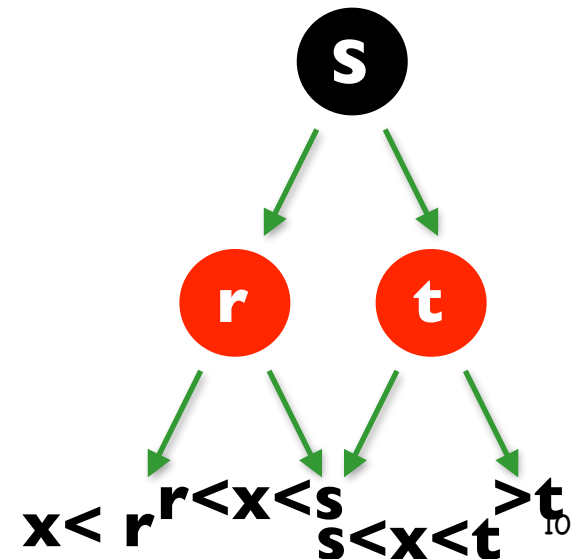
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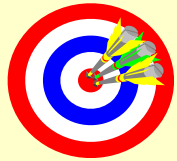
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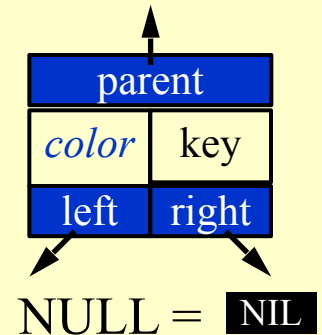
parent	
color	key
left	right

NULL = NIL

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(1) Every node is either **red** or **black**.

(2) The root is **black**.

(3) Every leaf (NIL) is **black**.

(4) If a node is **red**, then both its children are **black**.

(5) For each node, all simple paths from the node to descendant leaves contain the same number of **black** nodes.

Internal node

External node

NIL

Red-Black Trees

(a)

(b)

(c)
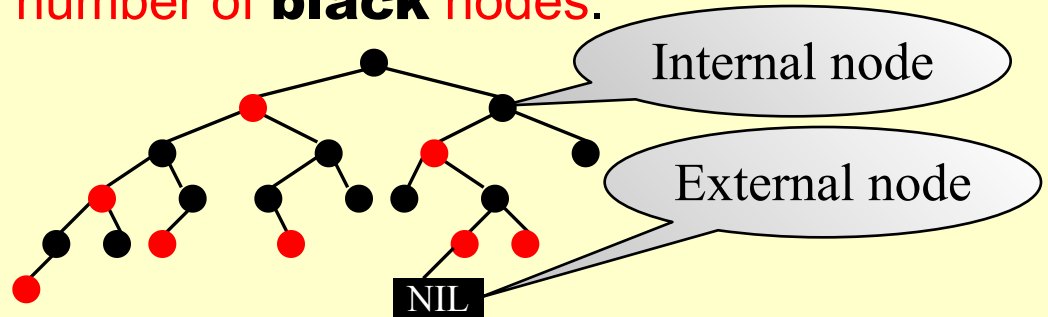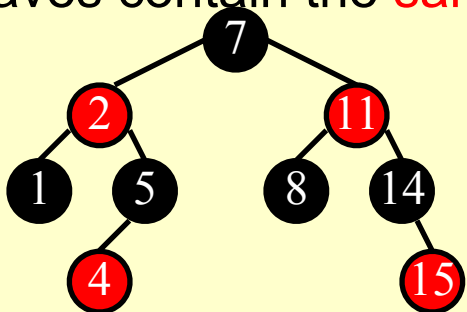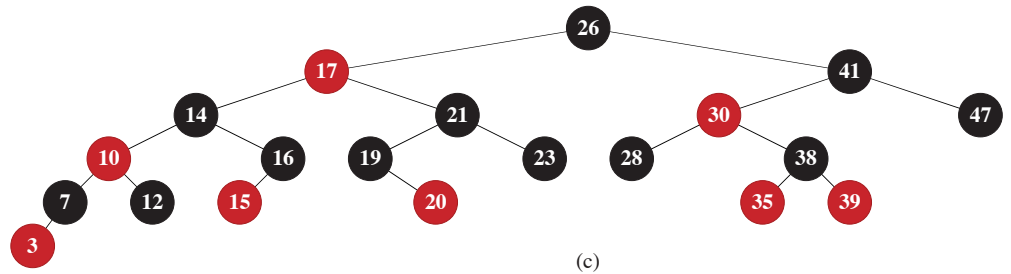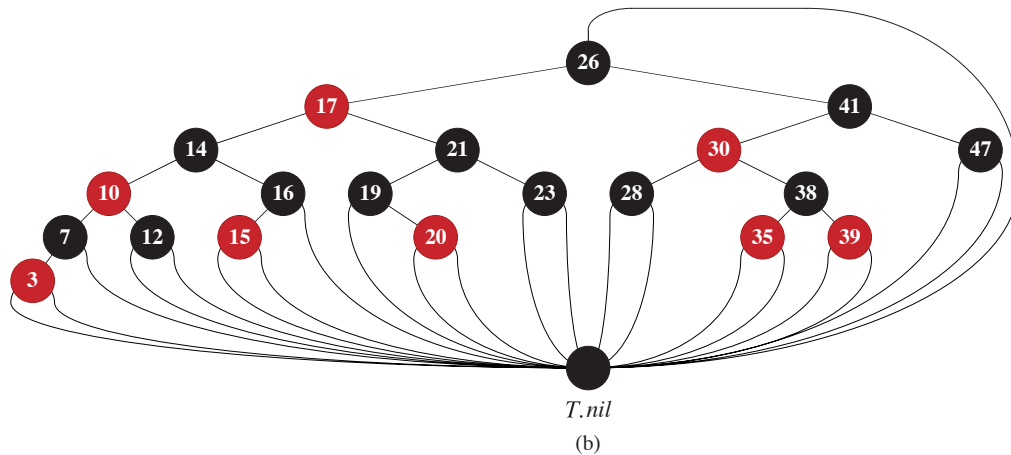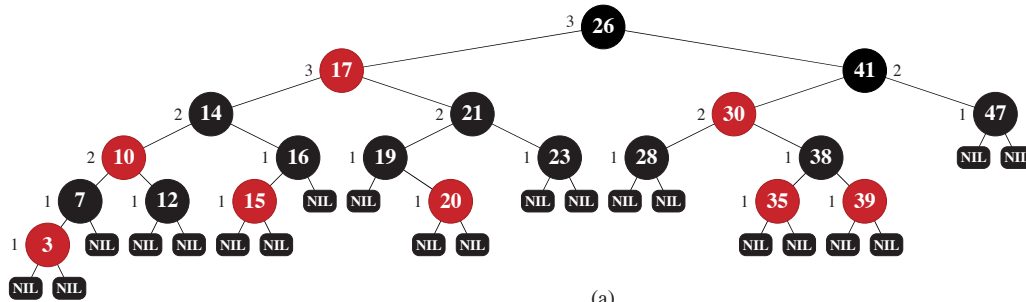
How balanced are red-black trees?

【Definition】 The black-height of any node x, denoted by bh(x), is the number of **black** nodes on any simple path from x (x not included) down to a leaf ~~...~~

Number of internal nodes in
the subtree rooted at x

【Lemma】 A red-~~bl~~ ... ~~heigh~~t at most $2\ln(N+1)$.

Proof: ① For any node x, $\text{sizeof}(x) \geq 2^{\text{bh}(x)} - 1$. Prove by induction.

If $h(x) = 0$, x is NULL $\Longrightarrow$ $\text{sizeof}(x) = 2^0 - 1 = 0$ ✔

Suppose it is true for all x with $h(x) \leq k$.

For x with $h(x) = k + 1$, $\text{bh}(child) = $? $\text{bh}(x)$ or $\text{bh}(x) - 1$

Since $h(child) \leq k$, $\text{sizeof}(child) \geq 2^{\text{bh}(child)} - 1 \geq 2^{\text{bh}(x)-1} - 1$

Hence $\text{sizeof}(x) = 1 + 2\text{sizeof}(child) \geq 2^{\text{bh}(x)} - 1$ ✔

② $\text{bh}(Tree) \geq h(Tree) / 2$?

~~...~~ck,
~~...~~f the

Discussion 2: Please finish the proof.

$\text{Sizeof}(root) = N \geq 2^{\text{bh}(Tree)} - 1 \geq 2^{h/2} - 1$

Tree Insertion and Deletion

- Similar with AVL and splay trees, the rotations are usually required when insertion and deletion lead to the violation of tree properties.
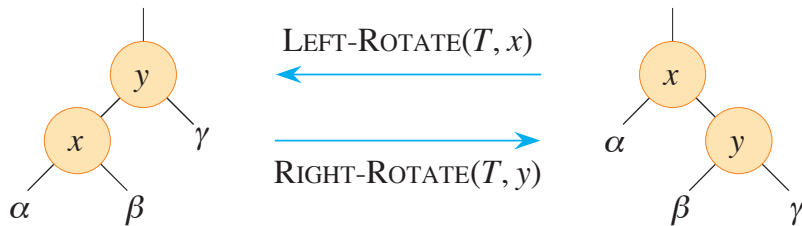

LEFT-ROTATE(T, x)

1 $y = x.right$
2 $x.right = y.left$ **//** turn y's left subtree into x's right subtree
3 **if** $y.left \neq T.nil$ **//** if y's left subtree is not empty ...
4      $y.left.p = x$ **//** ... then x becomes the parent of the subtree's root
5 $y.p = x.p$ **//** x's parent becomes y's parent
6 **if** $x.p == T.nil$ **//** if x was the root ...
7      $T.root = y$ **//** ... then y becomes the root
8 **elseif** $x == x.p.left$ **//** otherwise, if x was a left child ...
9      $x.p.left = y$ **//** ... then y becomes a left child
10 **else** $x.p.right = y$ **//** otherwise, x was a right child, and now y is
11 $y.left = x$ **//** make x become y's left child
12 $x.p = y$

Need to reduce the number of rotations

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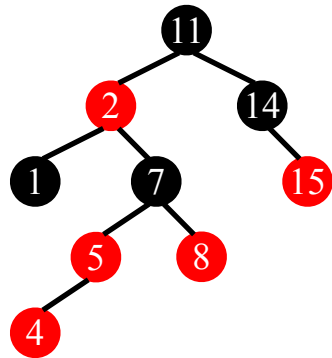
Insertion

always insert the new node as a
red node on the bottom.

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Internal node

External node

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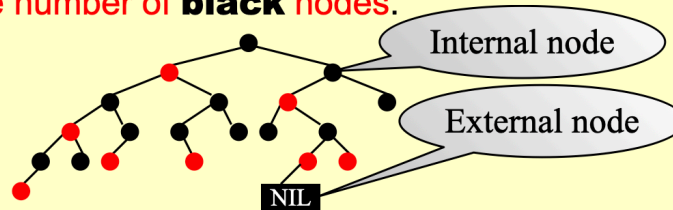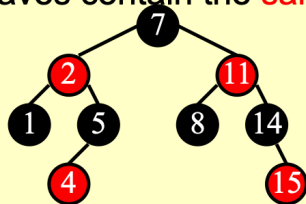
What properties can be
violated?

Only case 1 can repeat.
No more than 2 rotations.

Sketch of the idea: Insert & color red

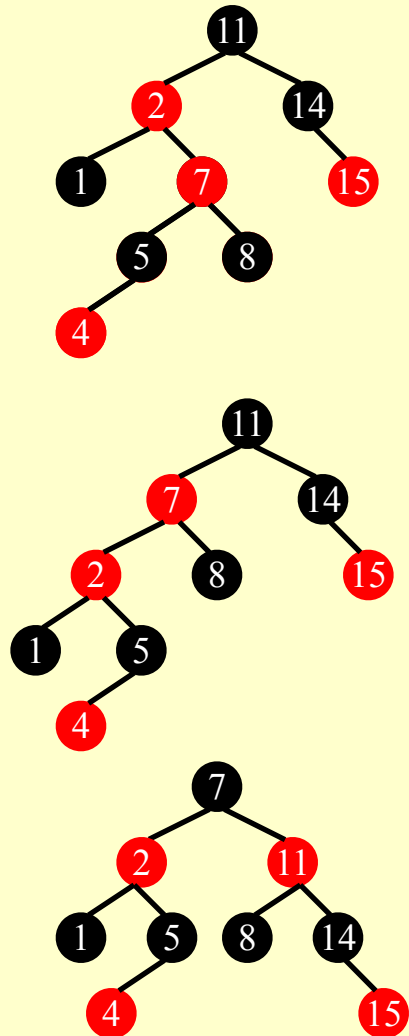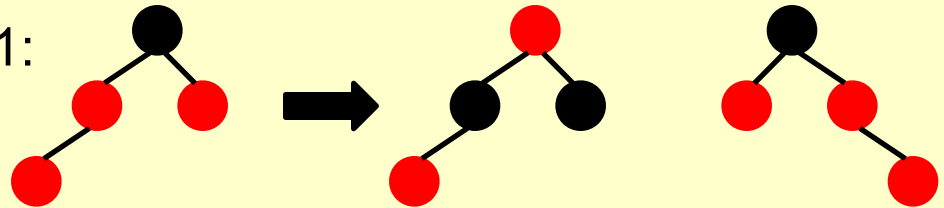Symmetric

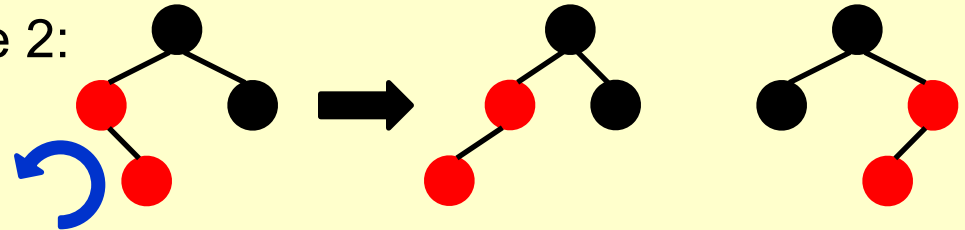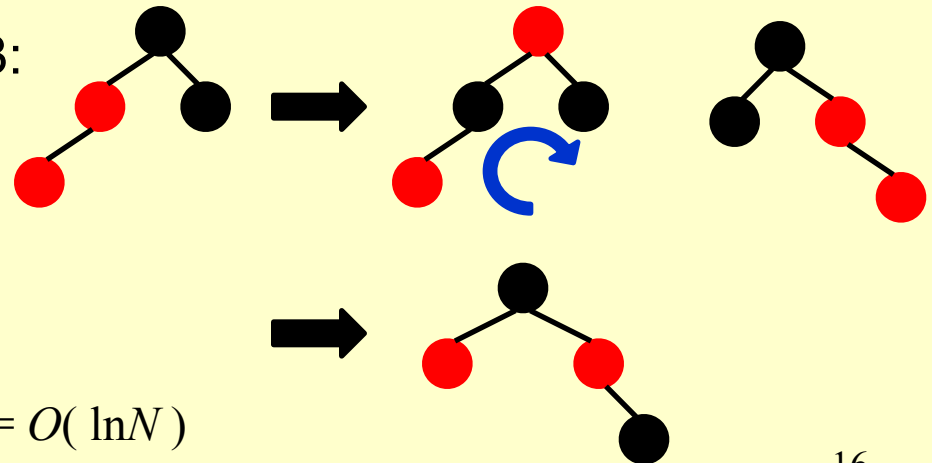Case 1:

Case 2:

Case 3:

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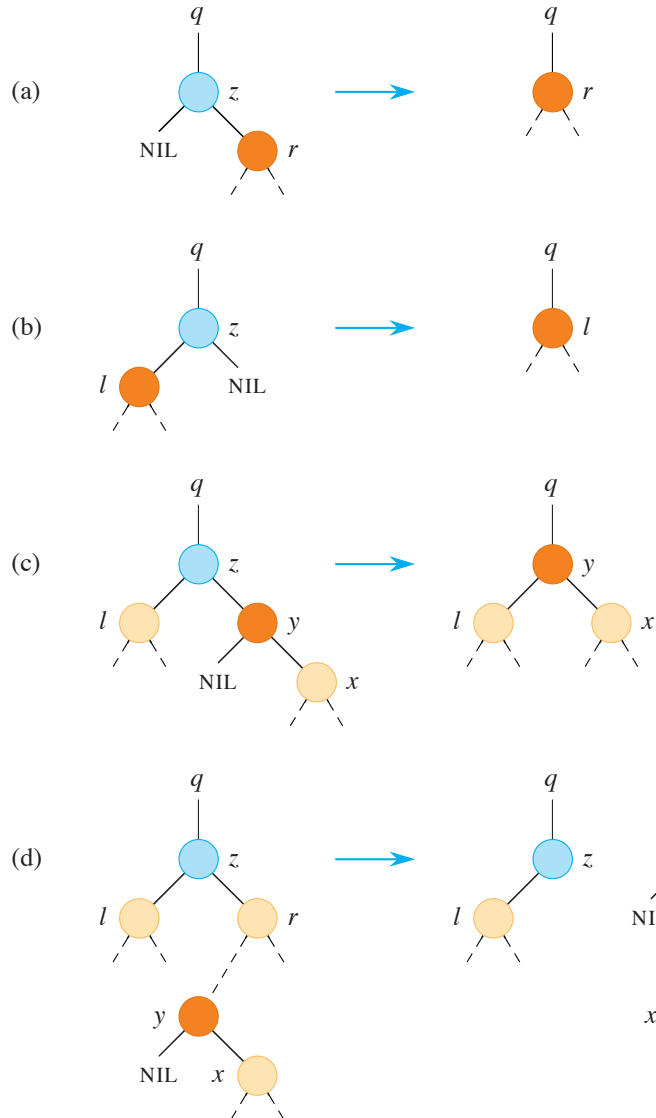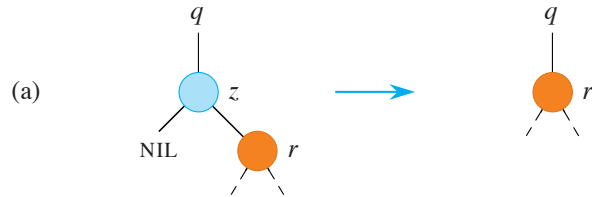
Deletion in Normal BST

Figure 12.4 Deleting a node z, in blue, from a binary search tree. Node z may be the root, a left child of node q, or a right child of q. The node that will replace node z in its position in the tree is colored orange. **(a)** Node z has no left child. Replace z by its right child r, which may or may not be NIL. **(b)** Node z has a left child l but no right child. Replace z by l. **(c)** Node z has two children. Its left child is node l, its right child is its successor y (which has no left child), and y's right child is node x. Replace z by y, updating y's left child to become l, but leaving x as y's right child. **(d)** Node z has two children (left child l and right child r), and its successor $y \neq r$ lies within the subtree rooted at r. First replace y by its own right child x, and set y to be r's parent. Then set y to be q's child and the parent of l.

Now we need to consider color properties.

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Deletion in Red-Black Tree

deleting a one-child node
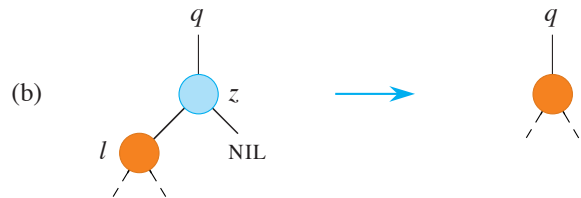
z can only be black
l and r can only be red
let them take the place and color of z
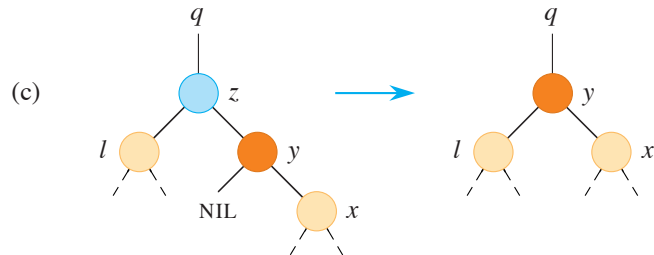
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Deletion in Red-Black Tree

deleting a two-children node

y can only be black, x can only be red
let y take the place and color of z

if x exists, change its color to black
and take the place of y

if x does not exist, y can be black or red
y is red, then takes the place and color of z
y is black, it takes the place of z
and let the external leaf node take its place:
one virtual black node included,
start color fixing process to cancel it out

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Deletion in Red-Black Tree

deleting a no-children (internal leaf) node

If color is red, direct delete.
If color is black, delete and let here be the virtual external leaf node
and start color fixing process

❖ Delete a leaf node : Reset its parent link to NIL.

❖ Delete a degree 1 node : Replace the node by its single child.
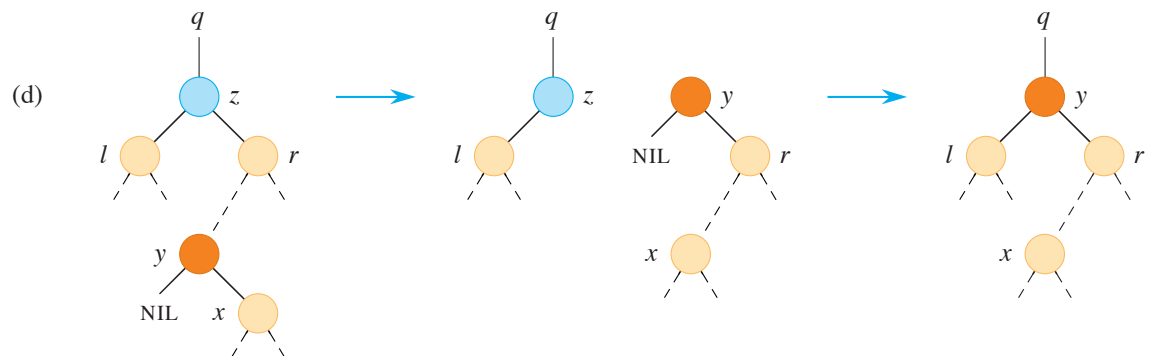
❖ Delete a degree 2 node :

① Replace the node by the largest one ~~...~~ the smallest one in its right subtree.

② Delete the replacing node from the subtree.

Adjust only if the node is black.

Keep the color

Must *add 1 black* to the path of the replacing node.

Case 1:

If x has no sibling
then just color father black,
or x must have a black sibling
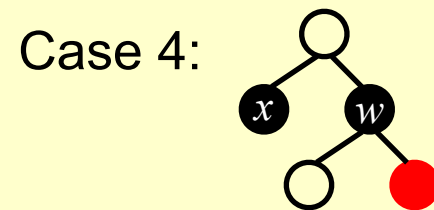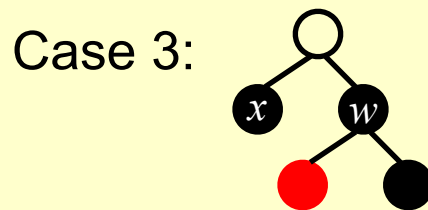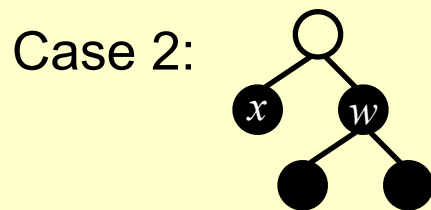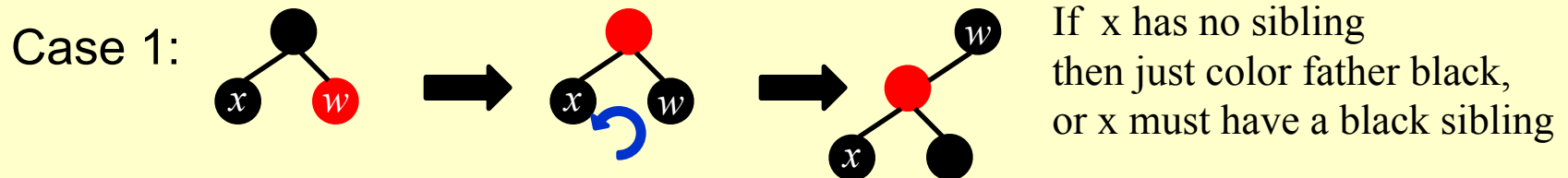
Case 2:   Case 3:   Case 4:

Cases are defined by sibling colors

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Case 2:

Continue to
add 1 black to
the path of x
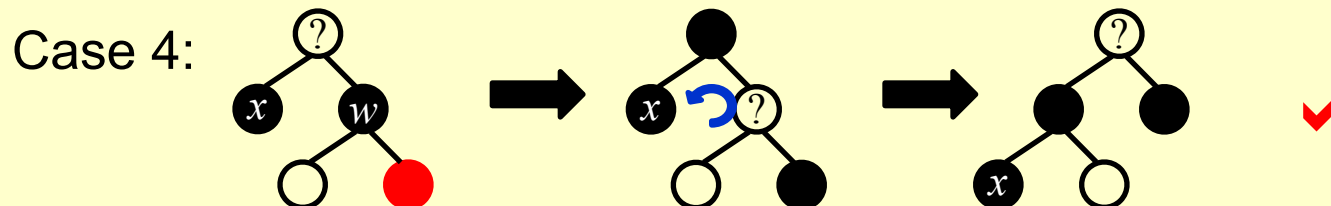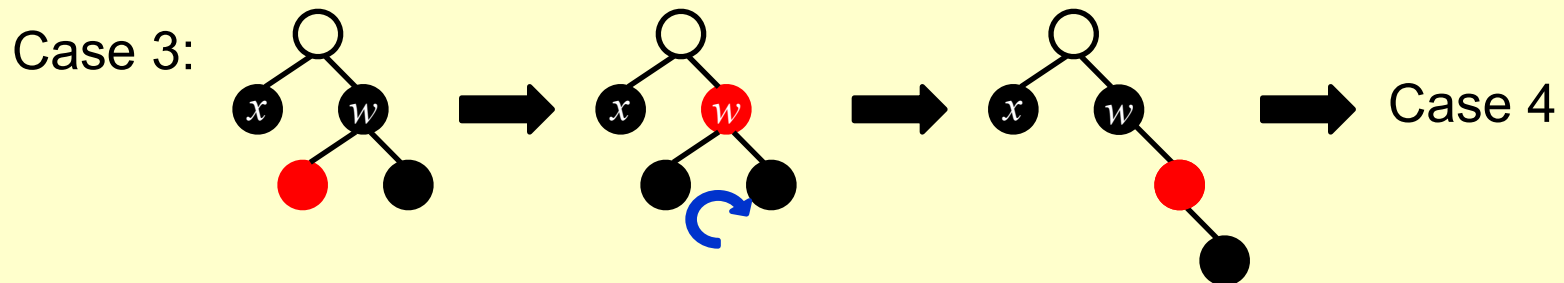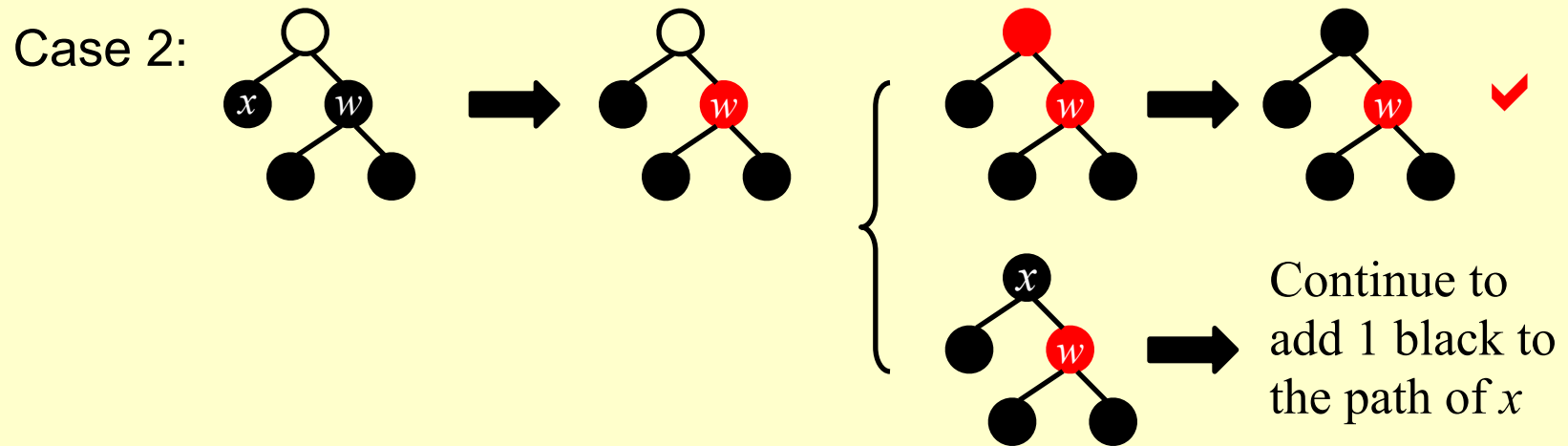
Case 3:

Case 4

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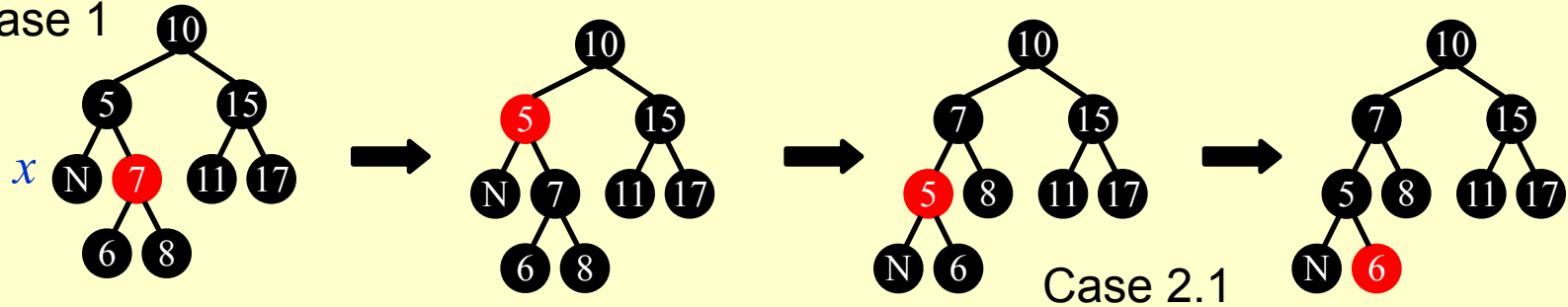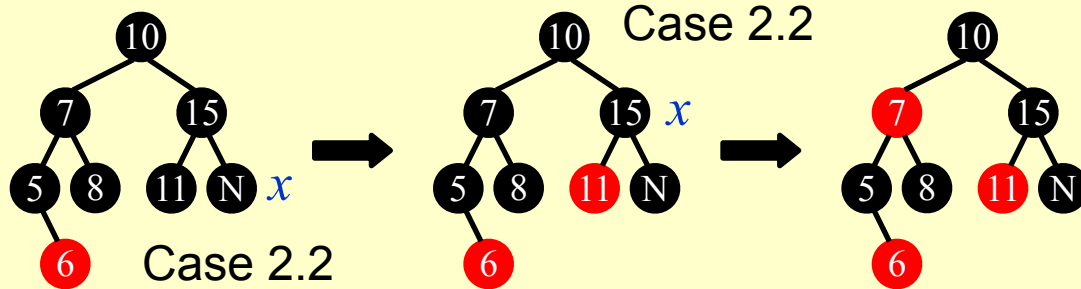
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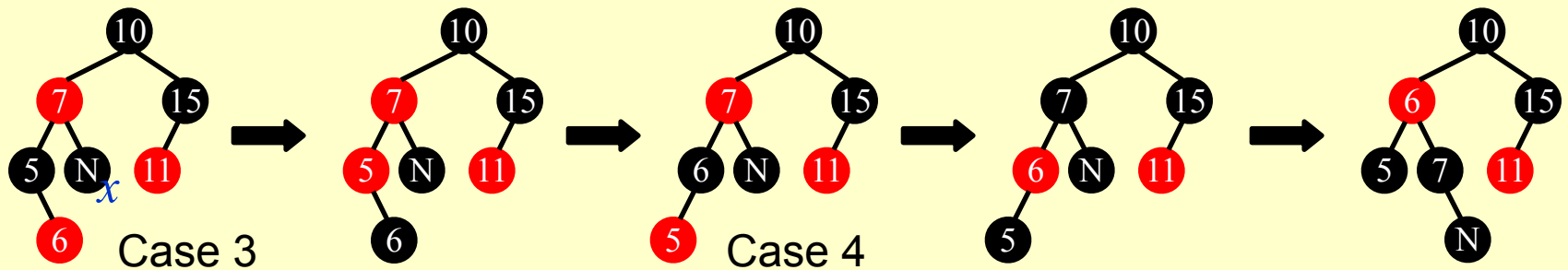
Case 3

Case 4

Number of *rotations*

	AVL	Red-Black Tree
Insertion	≤ 2	≤ 2
Deletion	$O(\log N)$	≤ 3

Red-Black Trees

- Reduce 2-3-4 trees to BSTs:

  - The key is to transform 3- and 4- nodes into 2-nodes:

2-3 Trees

3-node

2-node

null link
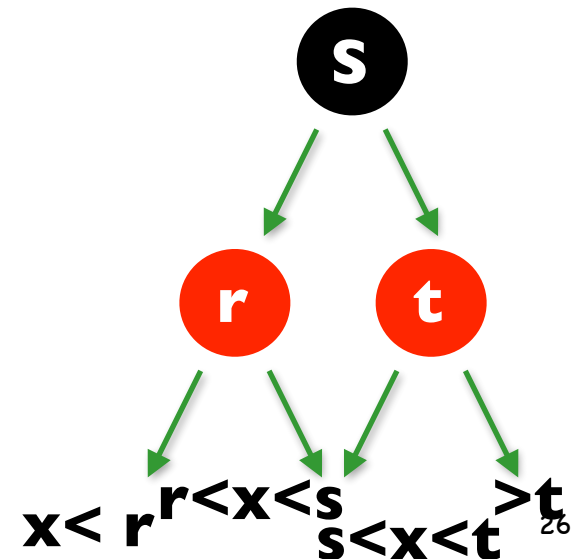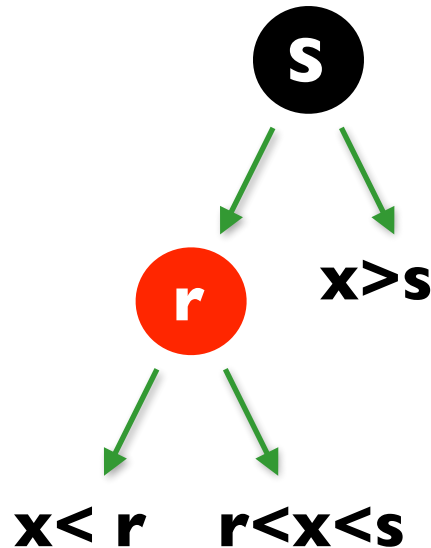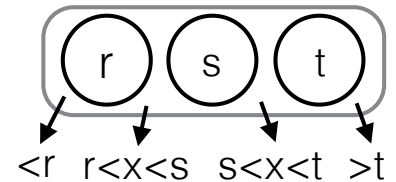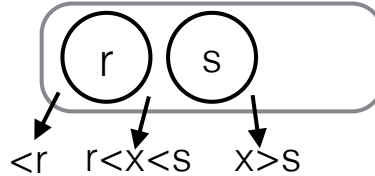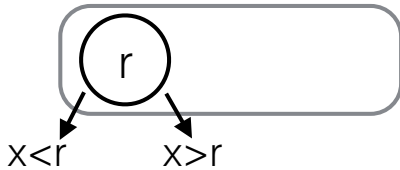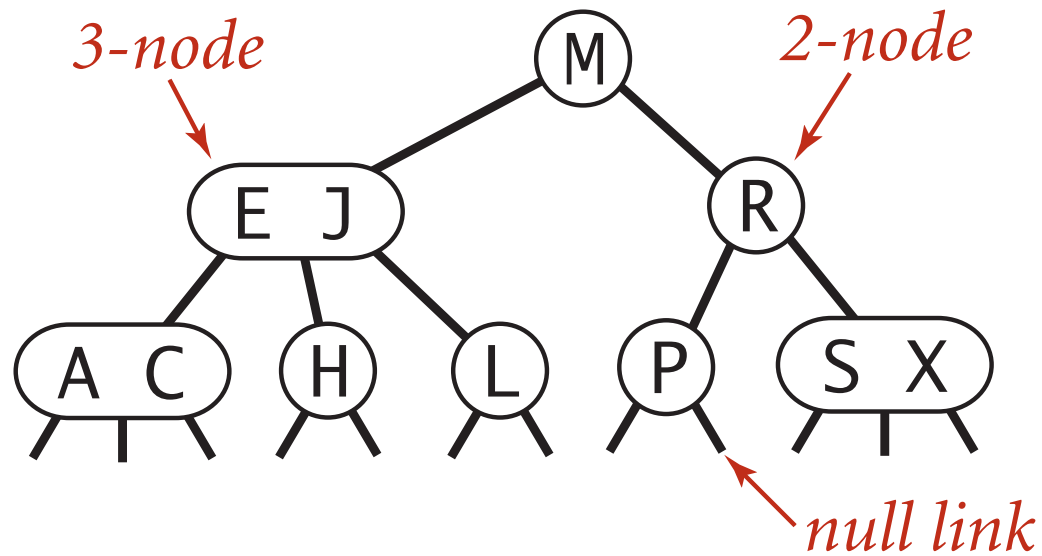
Transform into red-black tree?

Left-Leaning Red-Black Trees

3-node

a b

less than a   *between a and b*   *greater than b*

. . .   .

b

a

less than a   *between a and b*   *greater than b*

. . .   .
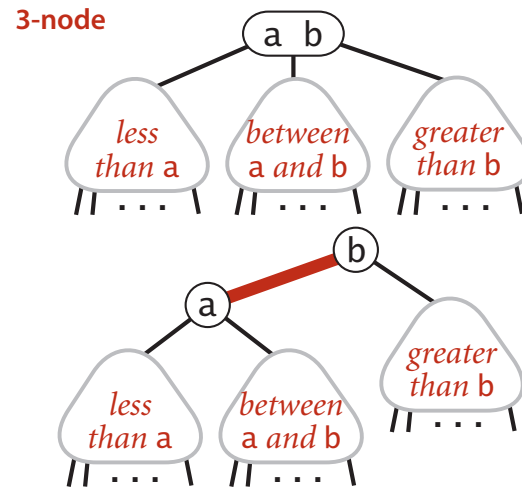
**Encoding a 3-node with two 2-nodes
connected by a left-leaning red link**
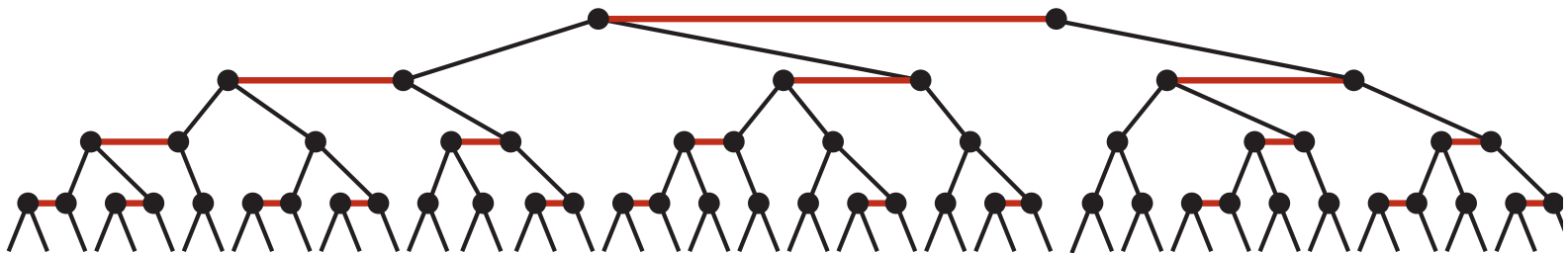
A red-black tree with horizontal red links is a 2-3 tree

See [Sedgewick & Wayne] Chap. 3.3

Balanced Search Trees (II)

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M-ary Search Tree

- We can generalize binary search trees to M-ary search trees.
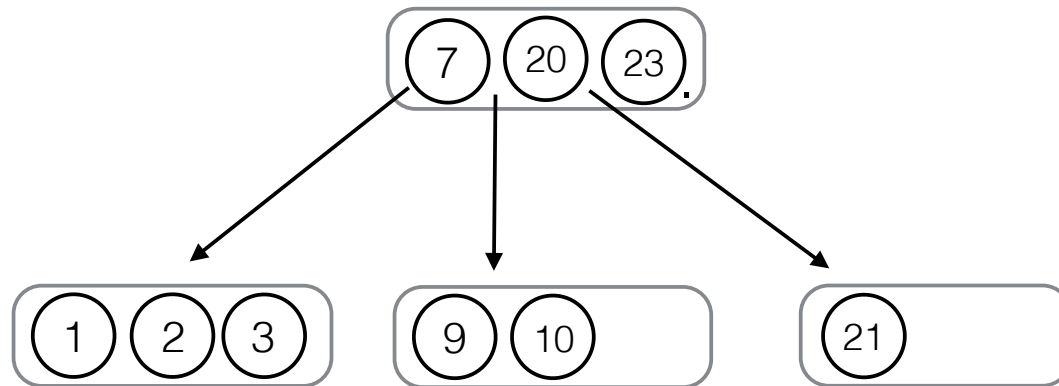
4-ary search tree:
Nodes have 1,2, or 3 data items and 0 to 4 children.

2-3-4 Trees

- A 2-3-4 Tree is a balanced 4-Ary search tree.

- Three types of internal nodes:

  - a 2-node has 1 item and 2 children.

  - a 3-node has 2 item and 3 children.

  - a 4-node has 3 item and 4 children.

- Balance condition:
  All leaves have the same depth.
  (height of the left and right subtree is always identical)
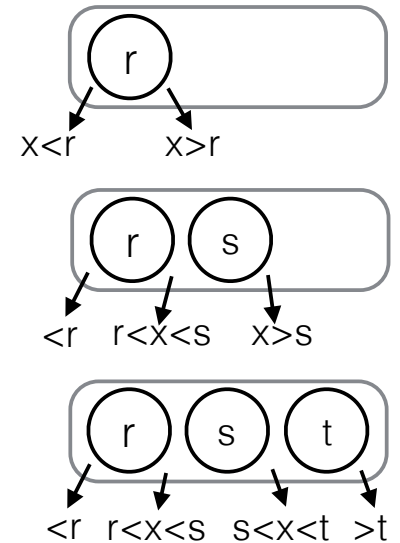
contains in a 2-3-4 Tree
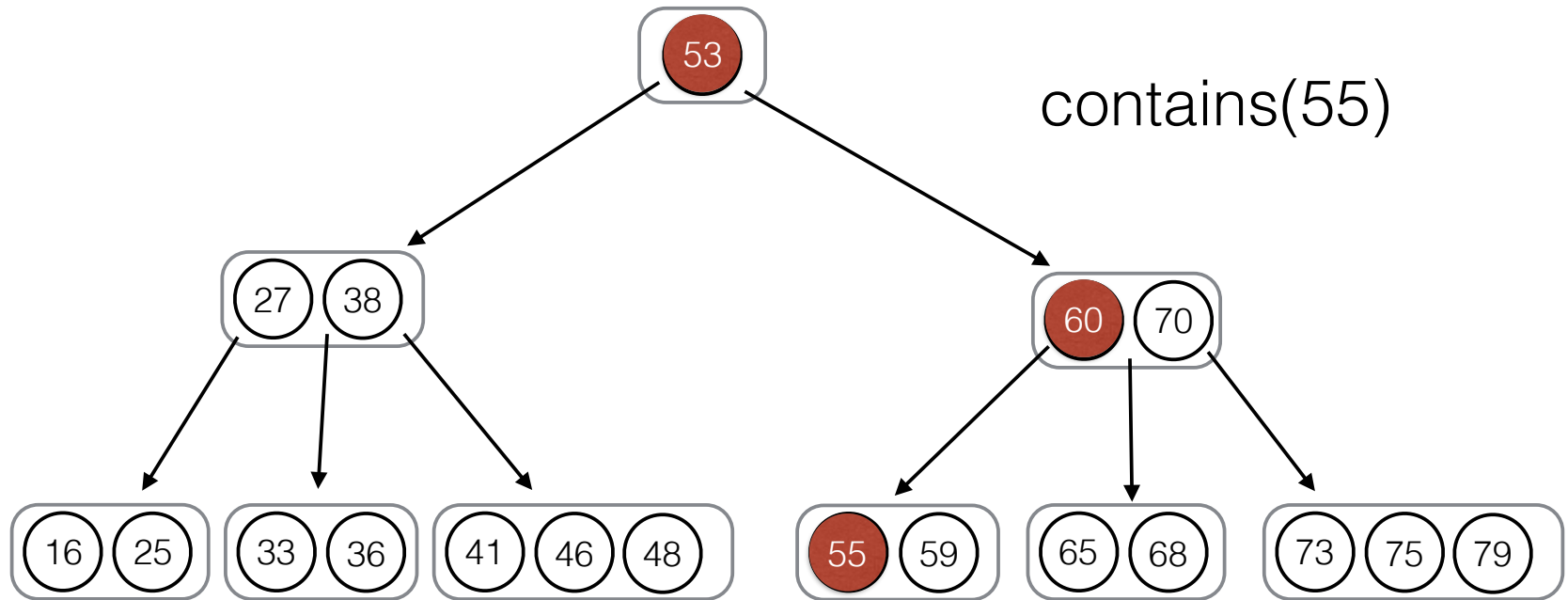
contains(55)

- At each level try to find the item: 2 steps = O(c)
- If not found, follow reference down the tree. There are at most O(height(T)) = O(log N) references.

insert into a 2-3-4 Tree
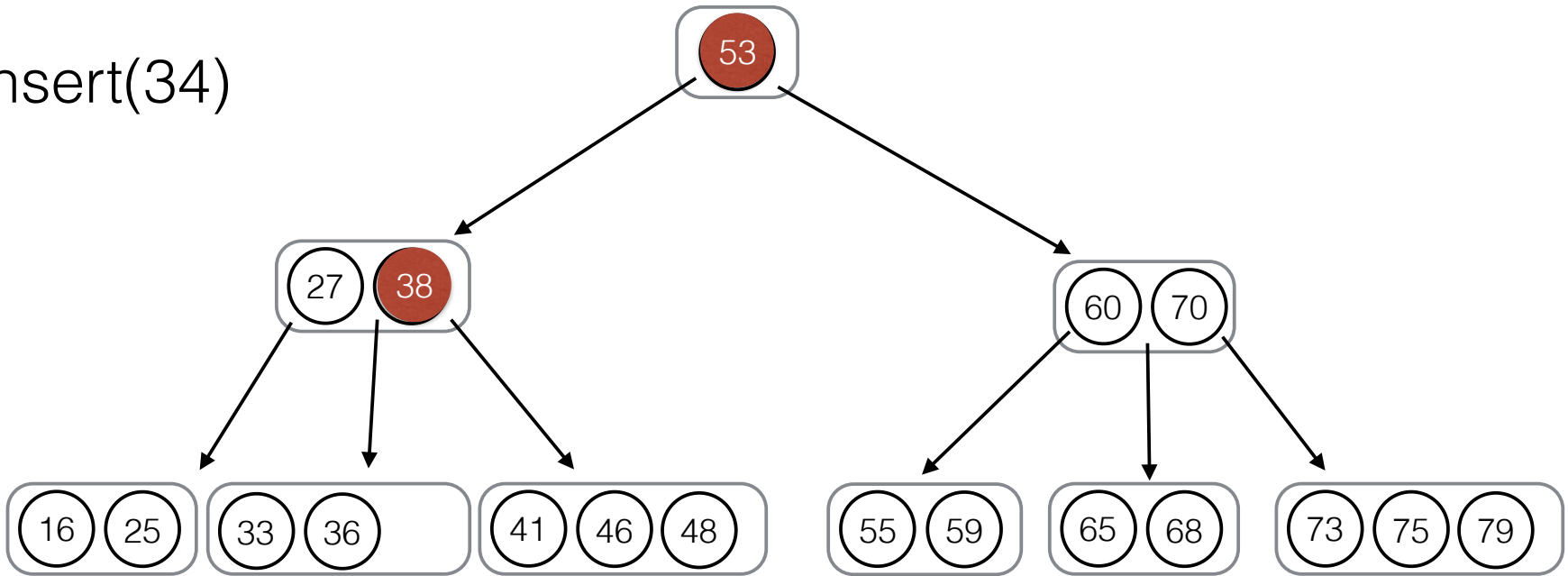
insert(34)

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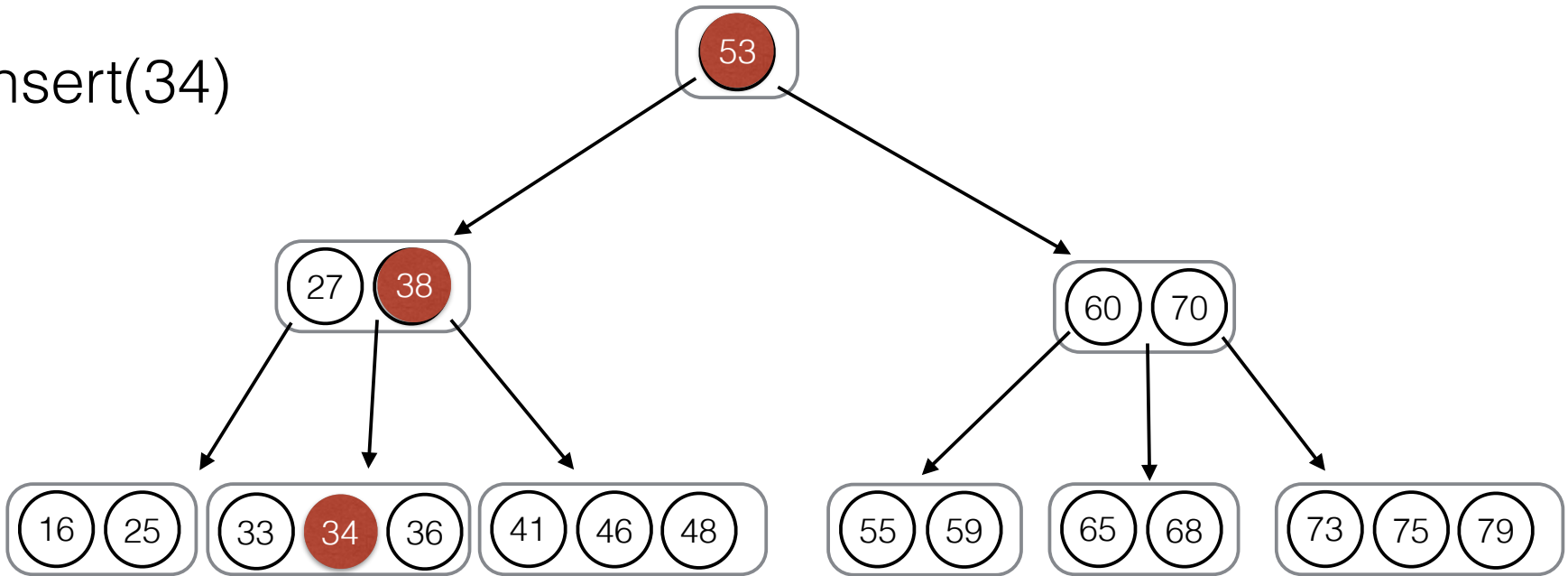
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- **What if the leaf is full?**

insert : splitting nodes

insert(72)

- If the leaf is full, evenly split it into two nodes.
  - choose median *m* of values.
  - left node contains items < *m*, right node contains items >*m*.
  - add median items to parent, keep references to new nodes left and right of it.

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`insert`: splitting nodes

insert(90)

- If parent is also full, continue to split the parent until space can be found.
- If root is full, create a new root with **splitting old root as two children**
- At most we need one pass down the tree and one pass up, so insertion is O(log N).

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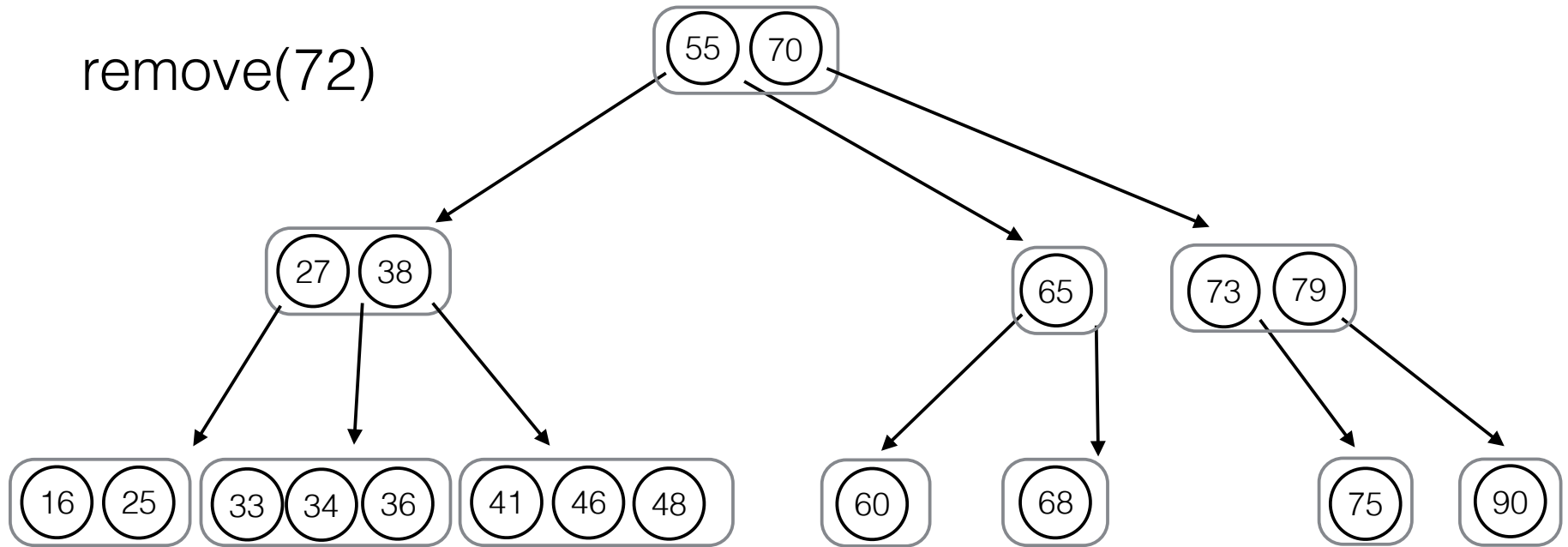
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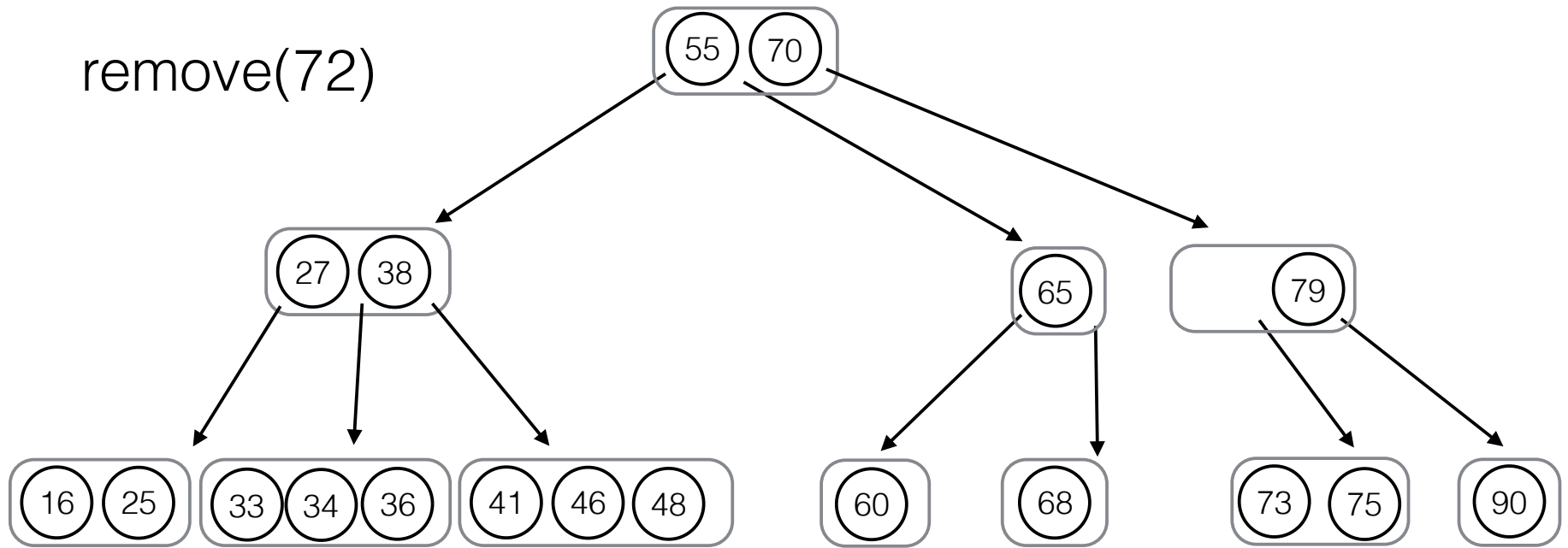
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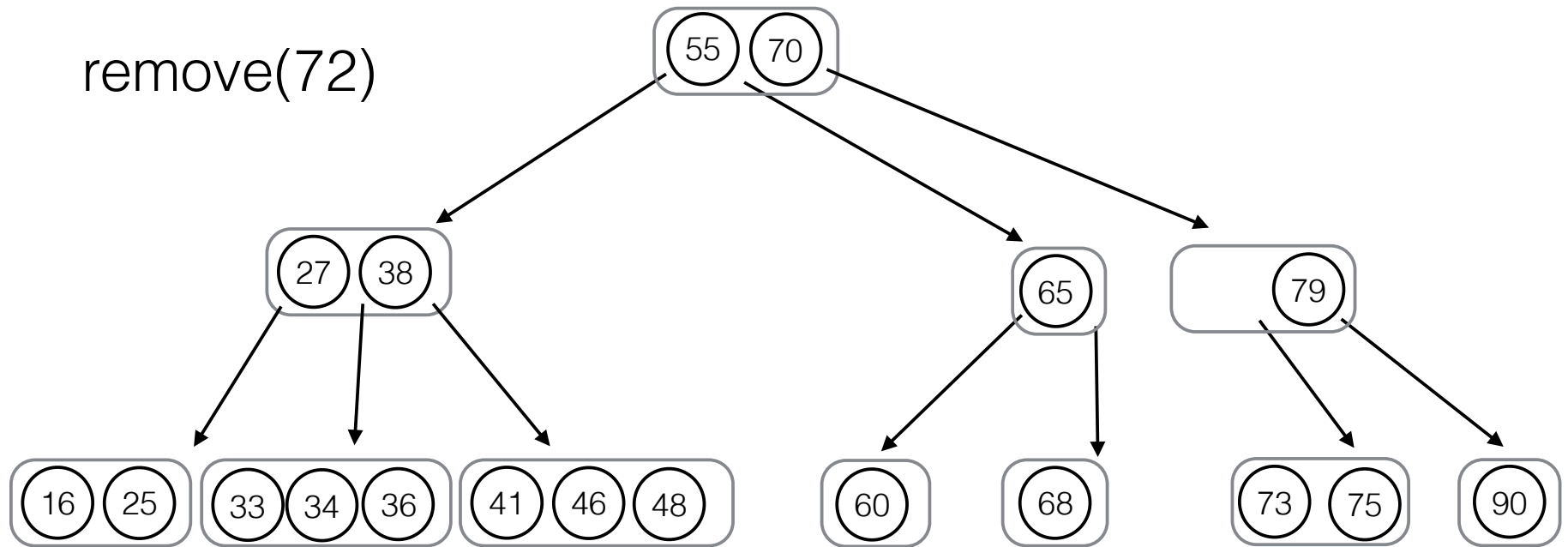
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All modifications to fix the tree are local and therefore O(c). Remove runs in O(log N).

B-Trees

- A B-Tree is a generalization of the 2-3-4 tree to M-ary search trees.

- Every internal node (except for the root) has $\lceil \frac{M}{2} \rceil \leq d \leq M$ children and contains $d - 1$ values.

- All leaves contain $\lceil \frac{L}{2} \rceil \leq d \leq L$ values (usually L=M-1)

- All leaves have the same depth.

- Often used to store large tables on hard disk drives. (databases, file systems)

Memory Hierarchy

Typical Memory Size

Typical Access Times

CPU registers

< 1KB

5 ns

CPU caches

8MB

10 ns

Main Memory

64GB (or less)

100 ns

Disk Storage

>500GB

5 ms = 5 x 10^6 ns
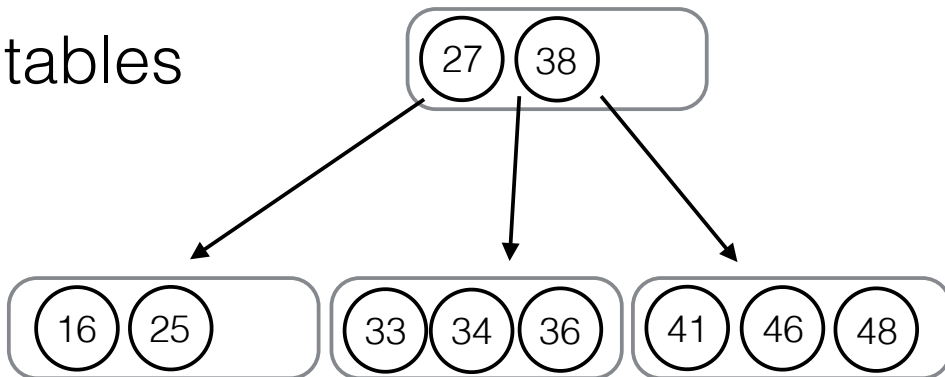
200 accesses/second
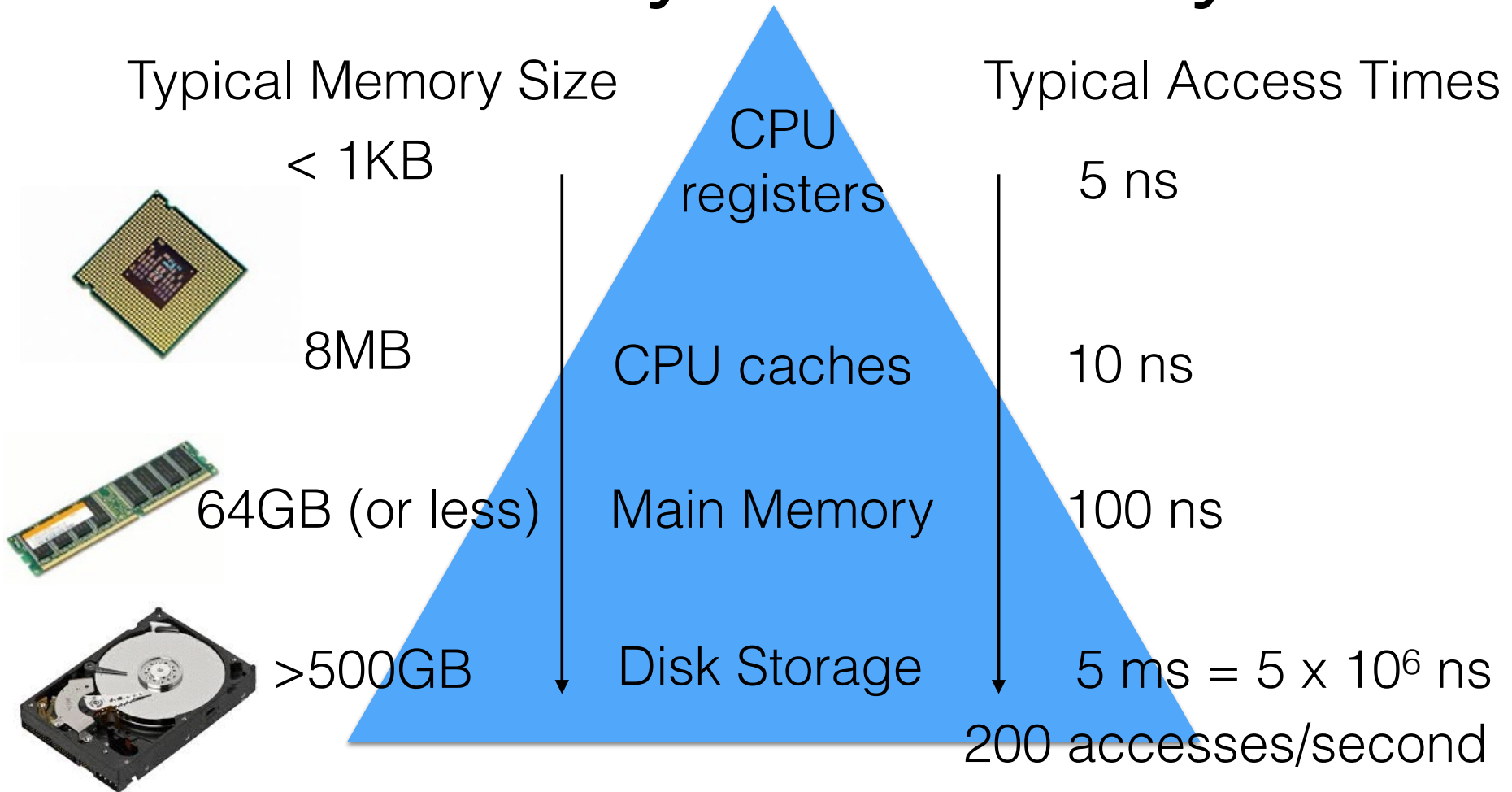
Memory access is **much** faster than disk access.

Large BST on Disk (1)

- Assume we have a very large database table, represented as a binary search tree:

  - 10 million items, 256 bytes each.

  - 6 disk accesses per second (shared system).

- Assume no caching, every lookup requires disk access.

Large BST on Disk (2)

- Disk access time for finding a node in an unbalanced BST:

  - depth of searched node is *N* in the **worst case**:
    - 10 million items -> 10 million disk accesses
    - 10 million / 6 accesses per second ≈ 19 days!

  - **Expected** depth is *1.38 log N*

    - *1.38 log_2 10 x 10^6 items ≈ 32 disk accesses*
    - *32 / 6 accesses per second ≈ 5 seconds*

Large BST on Disk (2)

- Even for AVL Tree the worst case and average case will be around log N.

- *A*bout 24 disk accesses in 4 sec.

Estimating the ideal M for a B-Tree

(M-1)*256 bytes

… M * 8 bytes

- Assume 8KB= 8,192 byte block size.

- Every data item is 256 byte.

- An M-ary B-Tree contains at most *M-1* data items + M block addresses of other trees (a 8 byte pointer each).

- How big can we make the nodes?

$$(M - 1) \cdot 256 \text{ byte} + M \cdot 8 \text{ byte} = 8,192 \text{ byte}$$

$$M = 32$$
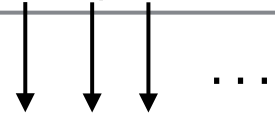
Calculating Access Time

- We representing 10,000,000 items in a B-Tree with M=32

- The tree has a worst-case height of $log_{\frac{M}{2}} N$

$$log_{\frac{32}{2}} 10,000,000 \approx 6$$

- Worst-case time to find an item is
6 accesses / 6 disk accesses per second = 1 *second*

B+ Trees

- Only leafs store full (key, value) pairs.

- Internal nodes only contain keys to help find the right leaf.

- Insert/removal only at leafs (slightly simpler, see book).
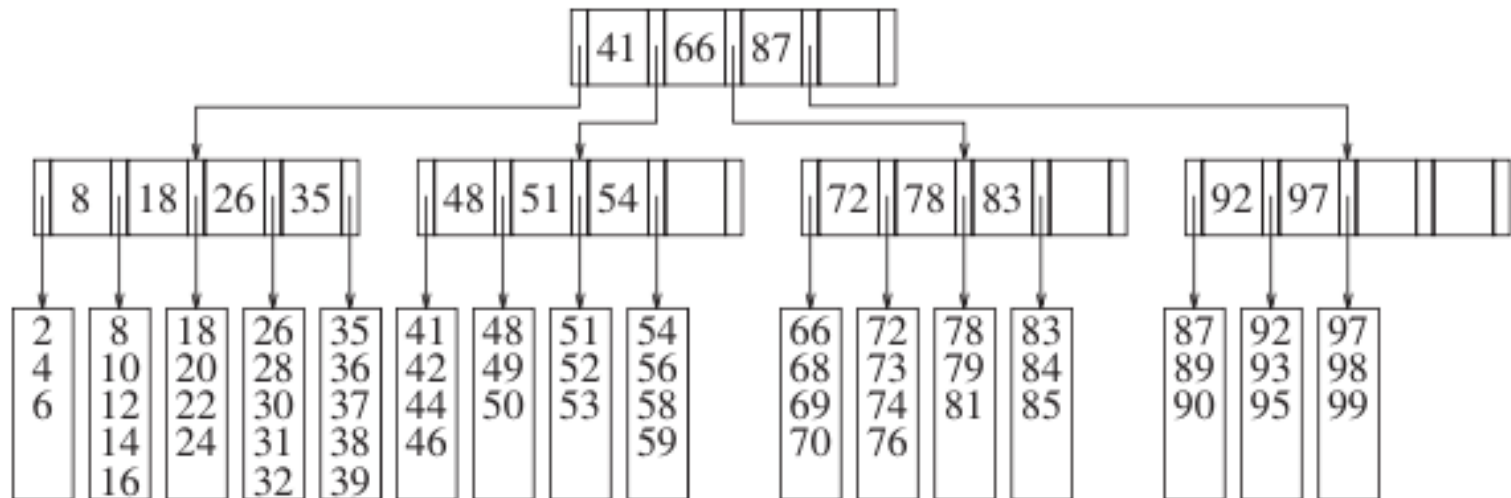
B⁺ Trees on Disk

- Assume keys are 32 bytes.

$$(M - 1) \cdot 32 \text{ byte} + M \cdot 8 \text{ byte} = 8,192 \text{ byte}$$

- We can fit at most M=205 keys in each node.

- Worst case time for 1 million keys:

$$\log_{\frac{205}{2}} 10,000,000 = 3$$

- 3 accesses / 6 seconds per access = .5 seconds

Balanced Search Trees (II)

- Red-black trees

- B & **B+ trees**

- Take-home messages

B+ Trees

【Definition】 A B+ tree of order M is a tree with the following
structural properties:
(1) The root is either a leaf or has between 2 and M children.
(2) All nonleaf nodes (except the root) have between ⌈M/2⌉ and M
children.
(3) All leaves are at the same depth.

Assume each nonroot leaf also has between ⌈M/2⌉ and

A B+ tree of order 4
(2-3-4 tree)

And $M - 1$ smallest key values in the subtrees except the 1st one.

A B+ tree of order 3
(2-3 tree)

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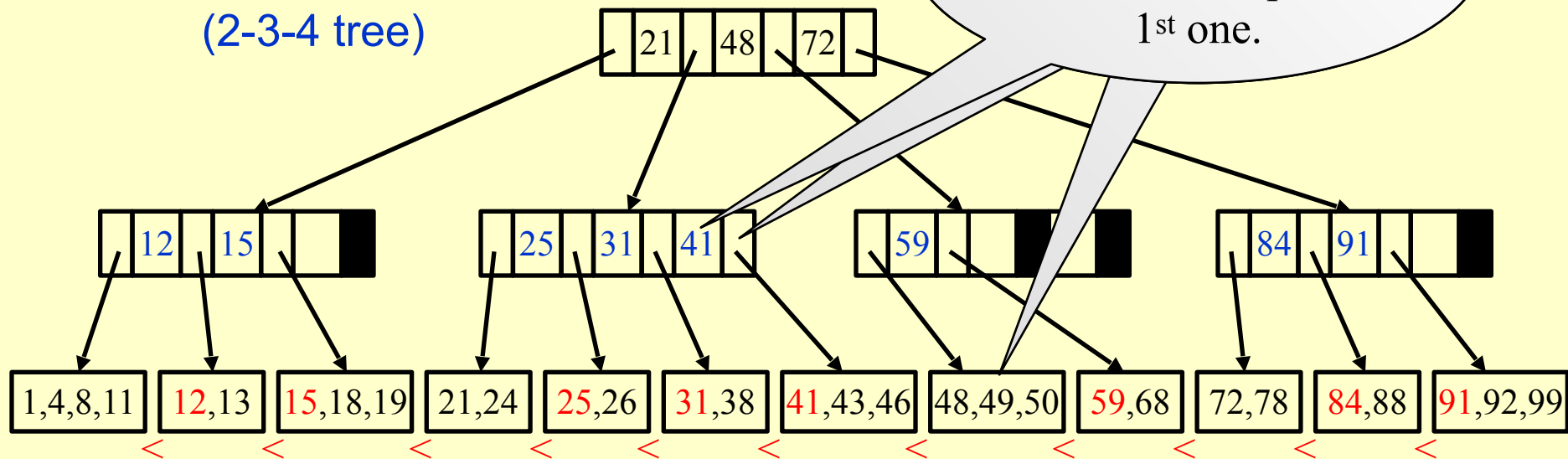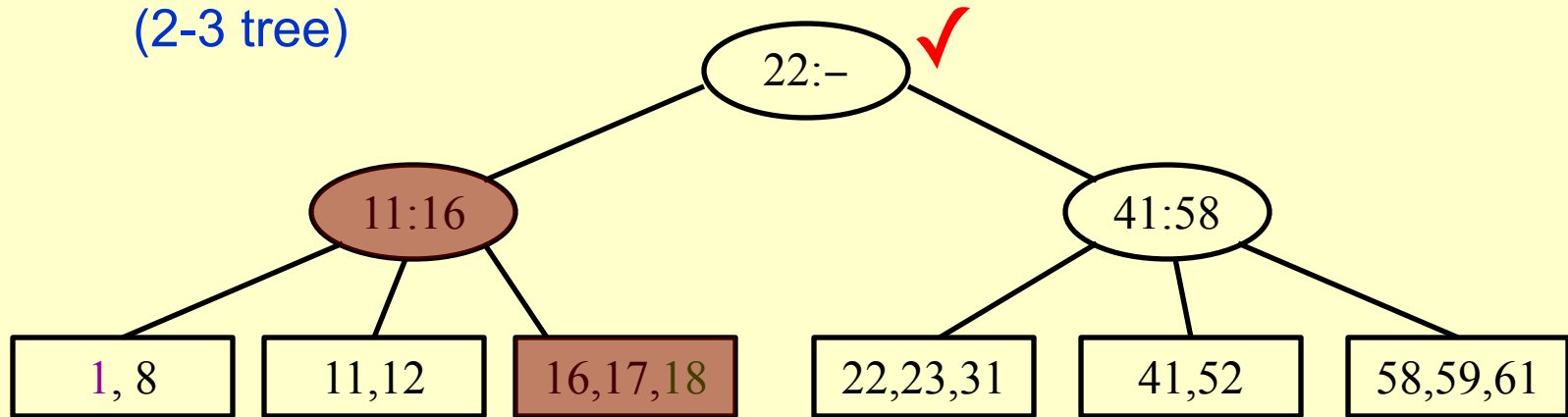
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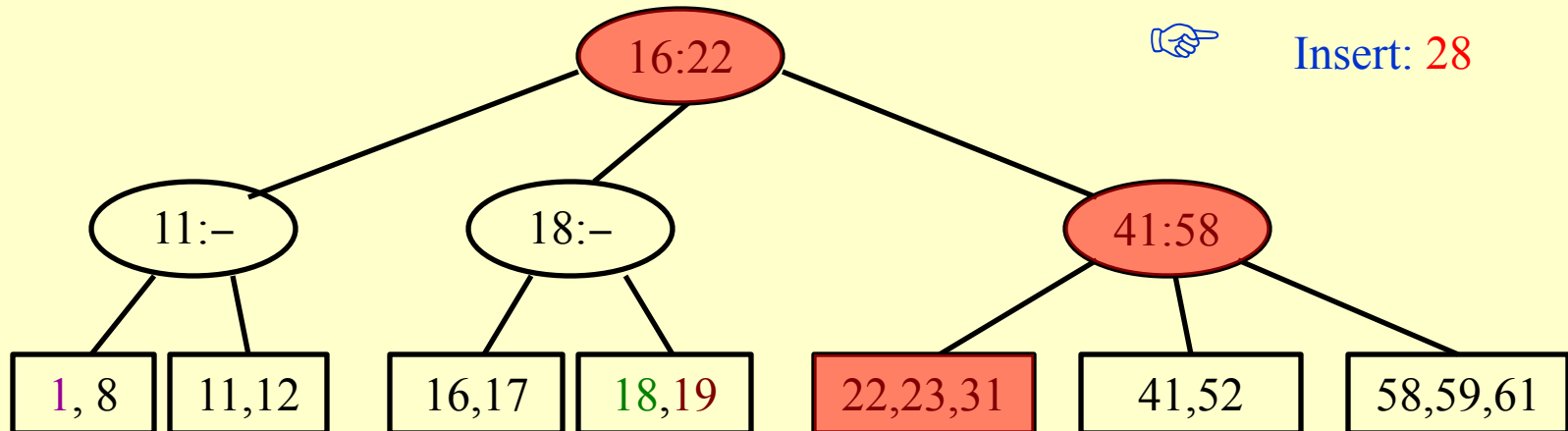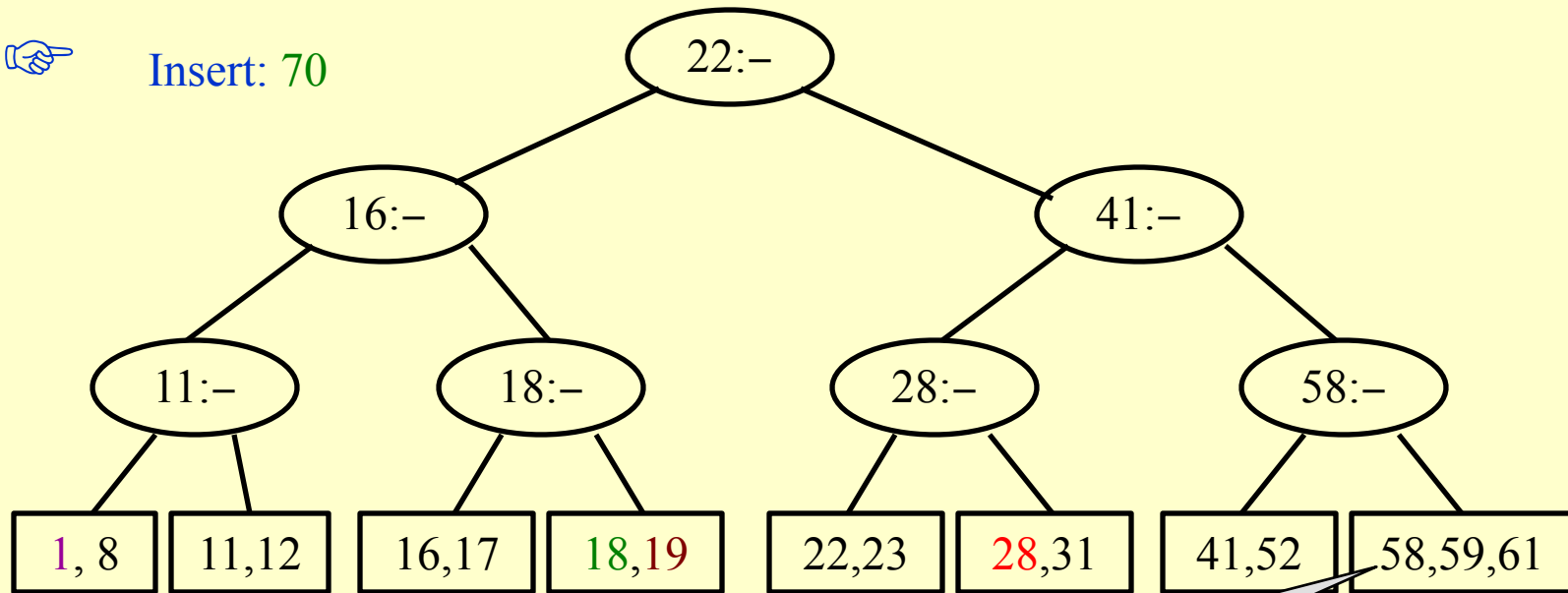
First find a sibling with 2 keys and adjust. Keep more nodes full.

☞ Deletion is similar to insertion except that the root is removed when it loses two children.

For a general B+ tree of order M

Btree Insert (ElementType X, Btree T)
{
    Search from root to leaf for X and find the proper leaf node;
    Insert X;
    while (this node has M+1 keys) {
        split it into 2 nodes with $\lceil(M+1)/2\rceil$ and $\lfloor(M+1)/2\rfloor$ keys,
    respectively;
        if (this node is the root)
                create a new root with two children;
        check its parent;
    }
}

$T = O(M)$

$T(M, N) = O((M/\log M) \log N)$

Depth(M, N) = $\qquad$ O($\lceil\log_{\lceil M/2\rceil} N\rceil$)

$T_{Find} (M, N) = O(\log N)$

Note: The best choice of M is 3 or 4.

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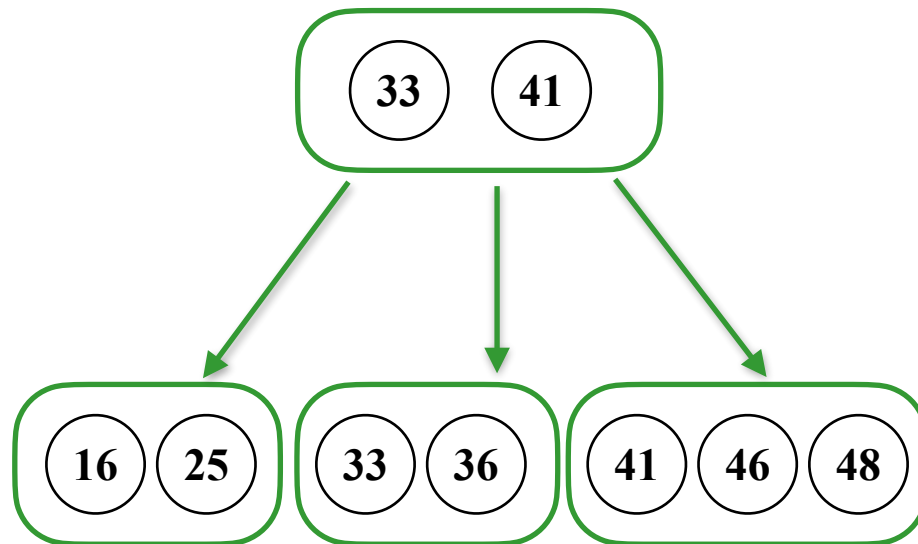
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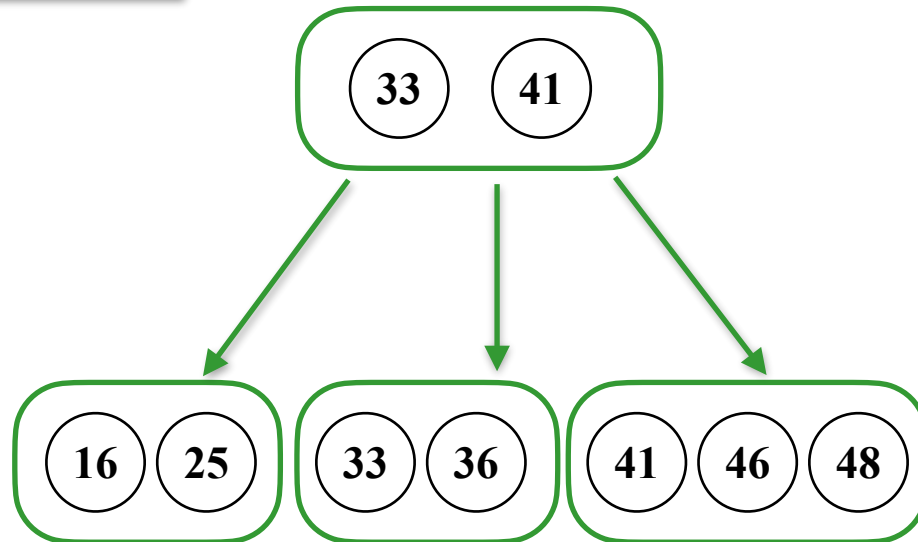
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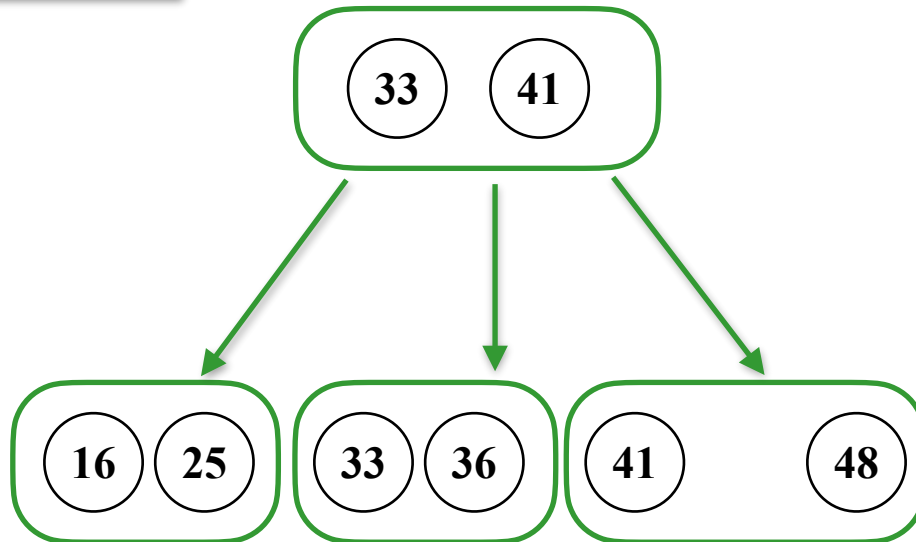
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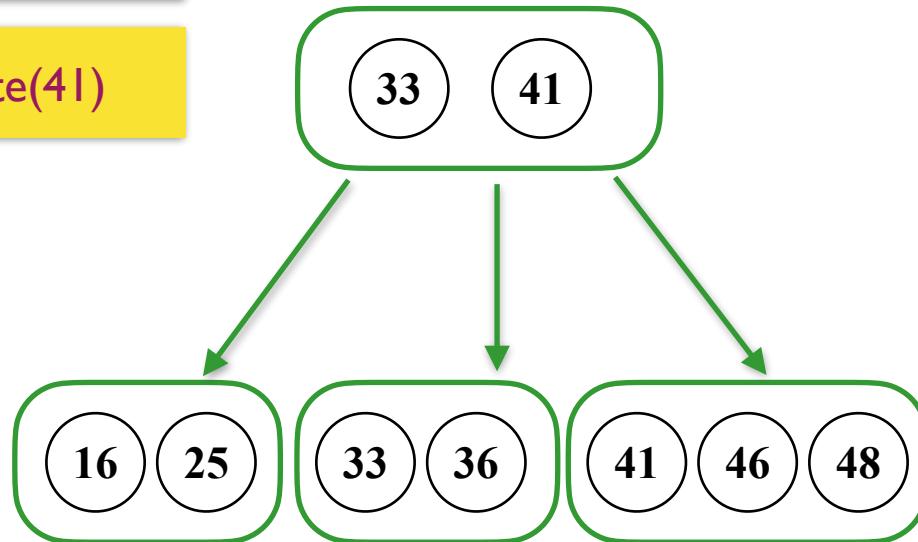Assumption in our course:
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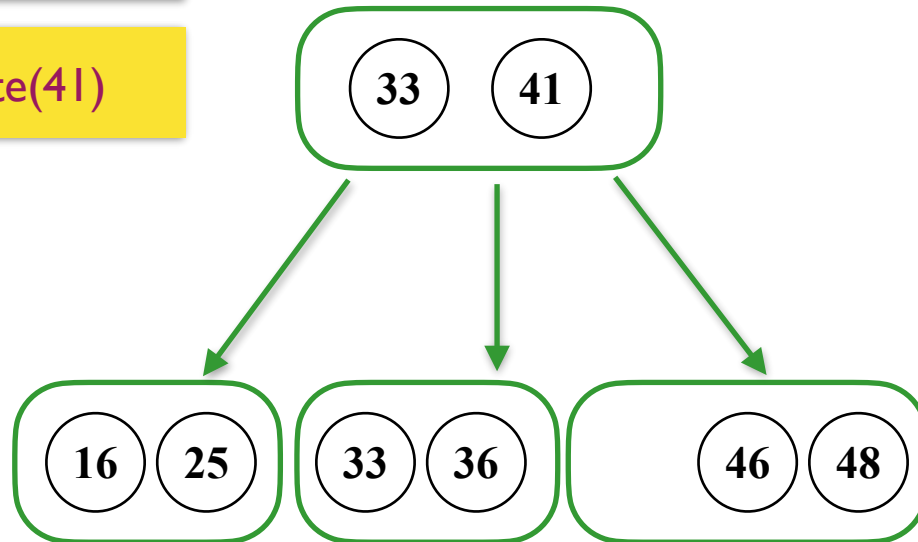Assumption in our course:
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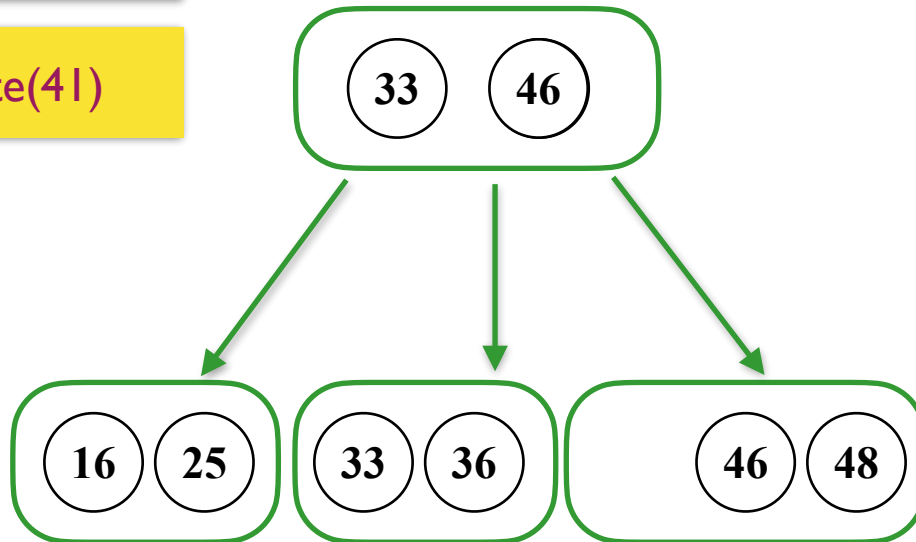Assumption in our course:
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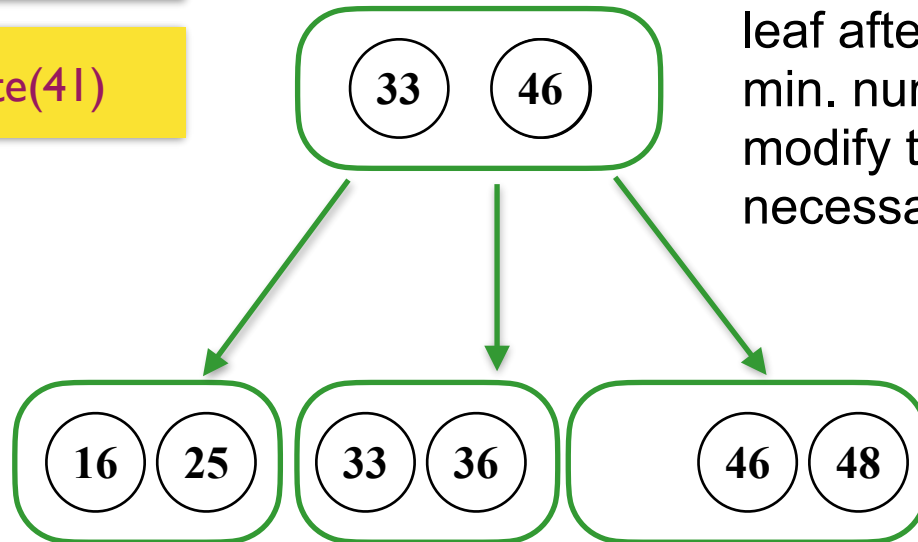Assumption in our course:
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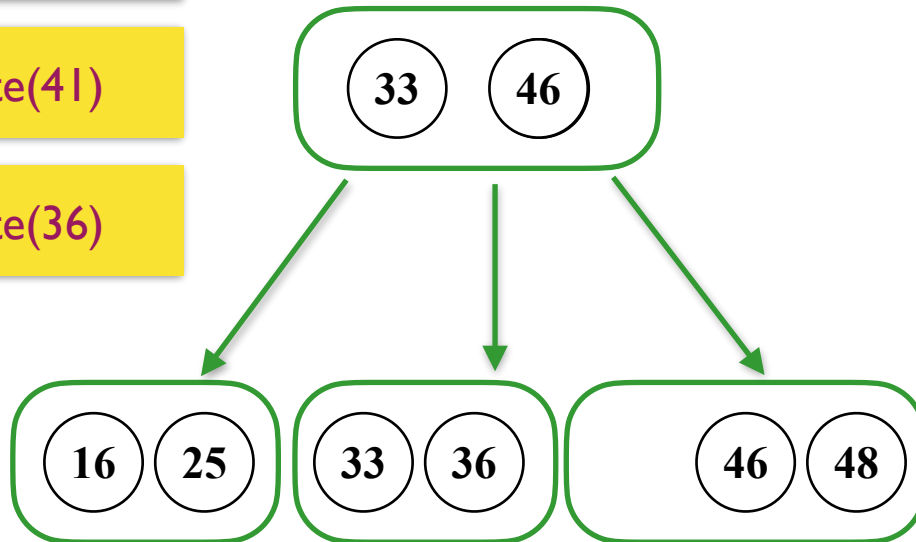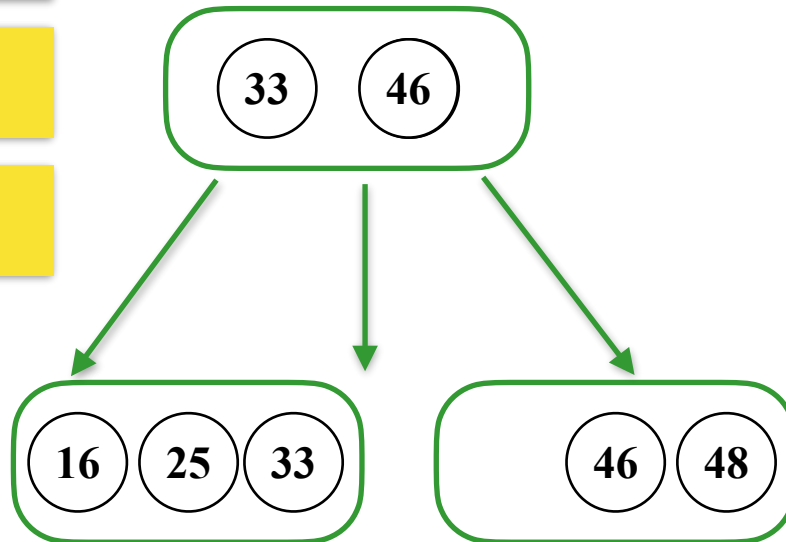
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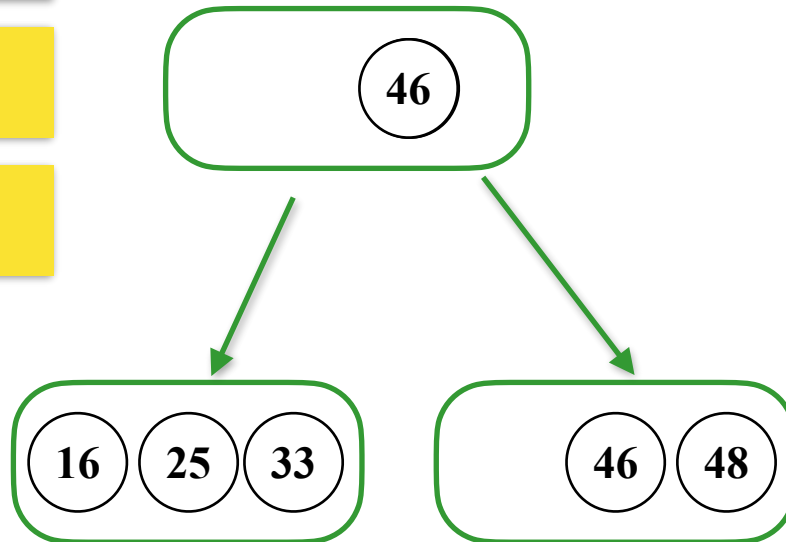
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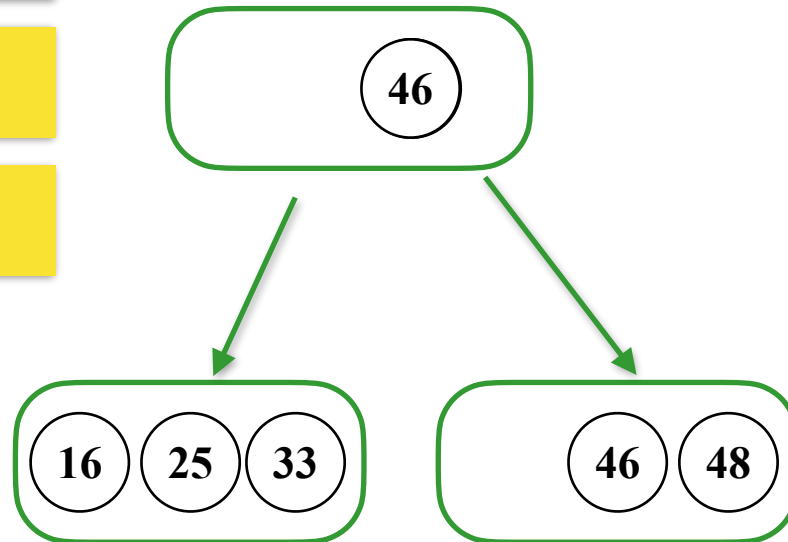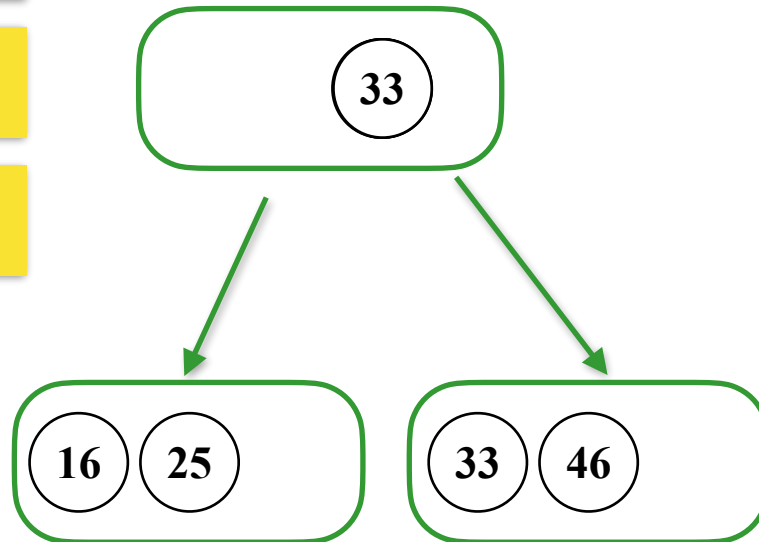
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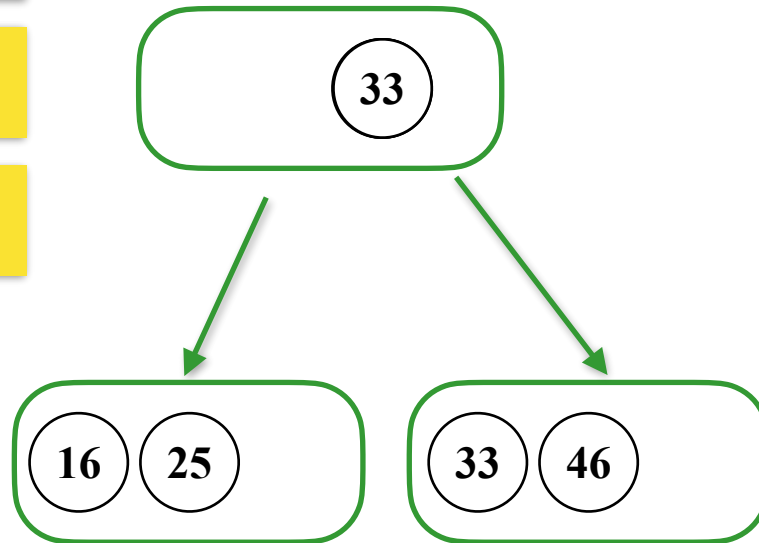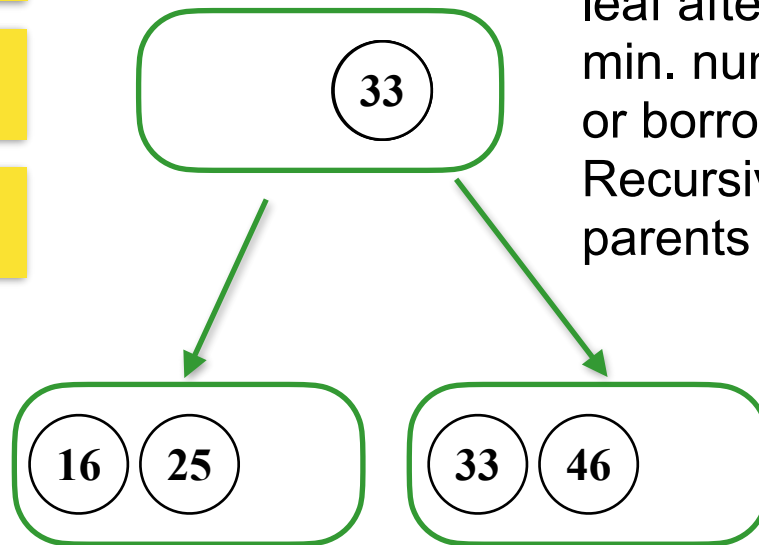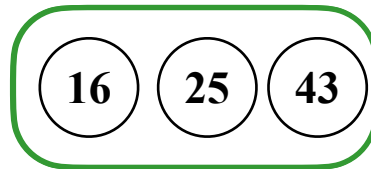
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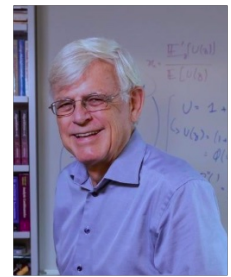- 2-3-4 tree (1972) and B-tree (1970):

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Leonidas J. Guibas   **Robert Sedgewick**

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John Hopcroft

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Take-Home Messages

- Red-black trees:

    - Binary search tree version of 2-3-4 trees. The red nodes are for represent >2 branches in each node.

    - The major properties lie in that the black height is balanced for each node.

    - The insertion and deletion involve constant cost on rotations.

- B & B+ trees:

    - Search trees with more branches. Suitable for reducing access cost on nodes, applications on database, secondary drives…

    - Reduce tree depth by increasing the number of branches.

Balanced Search Trees

- AVL trees: suitable when look-up costs matter most.

- Splay trees: suitable when the same items are visited repeatedly.

- Red-black trees: suitable when insertion/deletion costs matter most.

- B&B+ trees: suitable when the data are stored in blocks, and the access costs matter most.

Thanks for your attention!
Discussions?

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